



Community Organizer – Health Law and Public Benefits Campaign

The Mississippi Center for Justice seeks a community organizer. The community organizer will collaborate with attorneys, communications personnel, and other community organizers to work across the Center's campaigns to advance racial and economic justice. The Center seeks an experienced organizer whose substantive organizing focus will address HIV stigma.

The Center is a nonprofit, public interest law firm committed to advancing racial and economic justice statewide. Our lawyers work with community leaders to support their social justice campaigns and to channel the energies of the legal community to combat discrimination and poverty. With offices in Jackson, Biloxi, and Indianola, we seek systemic solutions that protect the rights of consumers and immigrants, secure access to healthcare, child care, and public benefits, and make fair and affordable housing available for all Mississippians.

The Mississippi Center for Justice is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We value a work place that is diverse in race, gender, economic status, age, geographic origin, sexual orientation, and other differences that enrich our organizational culture.

Job Responsibilities

The community organizer will work across campaigns, but with a concentrated focus on the development of a grassroots campaign to address HIV stigma. The community organizer will be a full-time employee of the Center located in the Jackson office. Some statewide travel will be required.

Job Duties will include:

- Develop a grassroots campaign to address stigma and raise awareness on HIV stigma and HIV criminalization.
- Cultivate and sustain relationships to better serve the community and help to support the statewide HIV: Ending the Epidemic Campaign.
- Conduct stigma trainings and focus groups to raise awareness and educate Mississippians on the adverse effects stigma has on people living with HIV.
- Work closely with the Center's medical-legal partnership staff to help achieve widespread community engagement.
- Engage focus groups to identify experiences involving stigma encountered by people living with HIV.
- Identify and obtain individuals to serve on the newly formed speaker's bureau.
- Develop a brochure identifying myths and facts regarding HIV stigma.
- Develop and manage a detailed project schedule and work plan.
- Provide relevant information to communications team to ensure a steady social media presence regarding HIV stigma.
- Represent the Center at various community events and meetings
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Cultural competency to work with people from diverse backgrounds across boundaries of class, race, age, and issue
- Demonstrated ability to organize and mobilize communities
- Ability to work independently and manage multiple priorities
- Ability to work effectively in a team-oriented environment and across organizational boundaries
- Ability to travel statewide several days per month

Salary/Fringe Benefits

Salary will be commensurate with experience. Paid vacation and sick leave will be provided. The Center's benefit package includes medical, life and dental insurance, as well as a retirement savings program.

How to Apply

The position will remain open until filled.

To apply, send a resume and cover letter by email to ldixon@mscenterforjustice.org or U.S. Mail to:

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