



Host Site: Legal Aid Society of Hawaii

Topic of Project: General Practice

Location: Waimanalo and Kaneohe, HI

Description of Fellow Project:

This Student Fellowship will involve working with our new “Whole Child Project” in rural Oahu, which aims to address any legal barriers to student success. Project staff engage in community outreach and education along with legal needs assessment, process and policy research, and direct service to families.

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Student Fellow can expect having exposure to a wide variety of legal issues that affect families and their school-aged children. The Student Fellow will engage in outreach and education, perform needs assessment and intake interviews, provide research to help contribute to program design and development, and assist attorneys and paralegals with client casework. The student will have the opportunity to accompany staff attorneys in court, in client meetings, and in discussions with opposing counsel. The Fellow will meet weekly with the Rural Managing Attorney to evaluate progress, ask/answer questions, discuss case issues, and receive assignments. The Fellow will also have the opportunity to learn from a contracted expert on Department of Education processes and policies.

Applicant Qualifications:

The Fellow will need access to a car. While it is possible to reach the rural branch offices by bus, a vehicle is much more convenient, especially for conducting community outreach and intake.

