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Host Site: Ayuda (Maryland Office)

Number of Fellows: 1

Location: Silver Spring, MD

Description of Fellow Project:

Ayuda's Maryland office is seeking a Student Fellow to serve as its "Crime Victims' Rights Fellow" for its Domestic Violence/Family Law Program (DVFL) and its Immigration Legal Program. The Fellow would be located at the organization's Silver Spring office and provide services throughout Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

As part of the DVFL Program, the Student Fellow will empower immigrant crime victims by assisting attorneys in providing culturally competent, trauma-informed legal services. The Fellow will assist attorneys in providing: (1) comprehensive legal advice and counsel on survivors' rights and remedies; (2) direct representation in domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault cases, including protective and peace orders; (3) direct representation in family law matters related to their victimization; and (4) crime victims' rights advocacy in related criminal investigations and proceedings. The Fellow will be expected to conduct client intake interviews, accompany clients to court as an advocate, draft legal and trial documents, conduct legal research, translate documents in English and Spanish, and assist with pro se family law cases.

As part of the Immigration Legal team, the Student Fellow will work with attorneys to help clients prepare detailed declarations in support of their applications for T-visas as well as asylum relief in Immigration Court. To support these applications, the student would also help gather evidence concerning conditions in the home countries of these clients. The Fellow will also assist an attorney in drafting a legal brief in an asylum case that is scheduled for an individual hearing in September 2020.

Percentage breakdown of Student Fellow's time:
- 50% working on protective order, peace order, family law, and criminal cases with the DVFL Program
- 50% working on trafficking and asylum matters with the Immigration Legal Program

Applicant Qualifications:

N/A