



Host Site: Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), Houston Office

Number of Fellows: 1

Location: Houston, TX

Description of Fellow Project:

KIND's Houston office is seeking a Student Fellow to assist in providing services to unaccompanied minors in the Harris and Montgomery counties of Texas.

KIND's Houston office provides legal services to unaccompanied children in two Office of Refugee Resettlement shelters located throughout Houston. The Student Fellow will work with KIND's direct services team in both the detained and released realm. The Student Fellow will assist in the legal direct representation of detained and released unaccompanied children. This assistance will involve conducting legal research on rapidly changing immigration jurisprudence; assembling asylum application packets, special Immigrant Juvenile Status applications, and U and T visa applications; and drafting legal briefs. As such opportunities arise, the Student Fellow will be able to shadow KIND's staff attorneys in state court and immigration court.

Percentage breakdown of Student Fellow's time:

- 60% assembling applications for immigration relief, preparing for asylum interviews and court appearances, and assisting with case management.
- 30% conducting legal research and writing assignments.
- 10% shadowing staff attorneys in court.

Applicant Qualifications:

Preference will be given to students who speak Spanish.