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Queens Law
Associates**

Licensed Master Social Worker Youth Justice

Founded in 1996 as Queens Law Associates, Queens Defenders (QD) is a public defender organization in Queens, New York serving the most ethnically diverse county in the United States. QD provides legal defense to people in the criminal, family, and immigration systems. We believe that all individuals have the constitutional right to legal representation if they are charged with a crime and cannot afford an attorney. In addition to legal defense, Queens Defenders also provides social services in order to improve the well-being of our clients and their families.

Job Description

Queens Defenders is seeking a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) to join our Youth Justice Practice. The Youth Justice Practice provides services to clients involved in juvenile delinquency matters, youths who are processed through family court and PINS (Persons-in-Need-of-Supervision). This position will be responsible for assisting attorneys in assessing client social and psychological needs as well as engaging the young adults in need of services.

Essential Duties/Responsibilities

- Interview clients in multiple settings including the office, jail, hospitals, court, and defendant's homes to assess and refer the client for services.
- Evaluate, diagnose, and provide evidence-based psychotherapy and clinical advice.
- Attend meeting with the Legal team to review cases.
- Develop written reports for the Courts which includes psychosocial histories, Pre-pleading, and Pre-sentence memoranda.
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- Participate in Court appearances and present information directly to the Court.
- Conduct crisis interventions, and be on-call for arraignment courtroom emergencies

- Support the scheduling, planning, and facilitating weekly workshops for a group of 7-10+ young people (12-20 years old) on topics related to education, careers, goal setting, mental health, and current events.
- Building relationships with youth participants to identify workshop topics that will be most helpful.
- Contacting local youth-serving agencies and other community partners to bring guest speakers for the workshops.

Qualifications/Skills

- LMSW certification with at least 3-5 years of post-master's experience
- Experience within the Court system including supervisory, administrative, and management experience (Preferred)
- Must have excellent interpersonal, communication, and analytical skills with the ability to be organized and multitask.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment and remain calm under pressure.
- Credible and discrete, with a high level of integrity and the ability to work with highly confidential and as privileged information.

Job Type: Full Time

Salary: \$71,000.00 - \$84,594.00 per year

Benefits:

- 401(k)
- 401(k) matching
- Dental insurance
- Health insurance
- Health savings account
- Life insurance
- Paid time off
- Parental leave
- Vision insurance

QD is an equal opportunity employer committed to building a culturally diverse staff and fostering an inclusive working environment. We seek to hire staff that reflect the full range of racial, ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic identities of the communities we represent so that we better serve our clients, understand their diverse circumstances, and meet their needs. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, or protected veteran status and will not be discriminated against based on disability.

