



Kids In Need of Defense - Atlanta

Position Summary: The justice AmeriCorps Fellow will be one of 46 lawyers and paralegals working throughout the United States to provide representation to unaccompanied immigrant children, as part of the justice AmeriCorps program. The Fellow will be responsible for conducting thorough intakes of clients aged 15 and younger and providing direct legal representation in immigration and related proceedings, including cases involving asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile status, and other forms of relief.

The term of service is one year, with a strong possibility of renewal for a second year.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Handle a 30-client caseload annually, providing direct representation to unaccompanied children aged 15 and younger
- Conduct thorough intakes to determine the forms of legal relief available
- Represent children in immigration removal proceedings, as well as before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and state court proceedings related to a child's immigration case
- Mentor pro bono attorneys to represent children in immigration or state court proceedings
- Screen clients for trauma, abuse, and trafficking
- Make referrals to additional services as appropriate
- Assume general administrative responsibilities, including grant compliance, data collection, timekeeping, case management, and other tasks related to AmeriCorps and Equal Justice Works program compliance

Qualifications:

- Hold a J.D. and be a graduate of an [Equal Justice Works member law school](#) (most schools are members)
- Spanish language fluency
- Experience in immigration or family law (preferred)
- Experience working with children (preferred)

This position requires completion of NSOPW, state, and FBI Fingerprint, criminal background checks, as well as compliance with all CNCS Federal Regulations throughout the fellowship program. This position is contingent on eligibility determined by the results of the criminal history checks.

Kids in Need of Defense is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or veteran status.

Terms:

- AmeriCorps Living Allowance of \$24,200
- Supplemental benefits for housing, student loans, professional dues, and relocation expenses up to \$16,800

Other Benefits and Professional Opportunities:

Standard fellowship benefits:

- Eligibility to place all qualified student loans into forbearance and receive an interest accrual payment at the end of service
- \$5,730 Segal Education Award upon successful completion of one year of service
- Participation in a week-long national training program on representing unaccompanied immigrant children
- Child care assistance (through CNCS-approved vendor if income-eligible)
- Fully paid health insurance

In addition to the standard fellowship benefits, *Kids in Need of Defense* will also provide: Medical insurance where applicable, life, disability and accidental death and dismemberment benefits, payment of one state's bar dues, retirement contribution after one year, telecommuting option, flexible spending and commuter pre-tax contribution options, staff development options.

Application Process: Please send cover letter, resume, legal writing sample, and references to: jobs@supportkind.org. No phone calls please.