



Juvenile Justice Advocates International

Legal Intern Position (Puerto Rico)

Summary

Juvenile Justice Advocates International is seeking legal interns to work on a juvenile detention research and advocacy project based in Puerto Rico.

Organization Description

Juvenile Justice Advocates International is an NGO devoted to making a large impact for children in prison around the world. Our mission is to advocate for policy reforms in the juvenile justice system to improve respect for human rights for the most vulnerable. JJAI's vision is that children should only be imprisoned as a last resort in extreme circumstances and for the shortest period of time possible. We work towards this goal by:

- Providing advice, consulting, capacity building, training and other services to governments and non-governmental organizations to improve the respect for human rights.
- Conducting research on and advocate for increased access to justice for marginalized populations in the criminal justice system.
- Assisting to implement reforms that reduce over-use of detention, improve prison conditions, improve and establish community reintegration programs and decrease delinquency among juveniles and other marginalized populations.

Position Description

Legal intern will work on the following projects.

Juveniles in Detention Research: intern will conduct research in the juvenile justice system, collecting data, conducting interviews with teens in detention or formerly in detention, families of teenagers and justice sector officials. The interviews are part of gather base-line data for future JJAI projects in Puerto Rico.

Collaboration and Network Building: intern will work to identify key nonprofits, community actors and stakeholders in the juvenile justice system, conduct outreach and identify possible lines of future collaboration.

COVID19 Response: inter will work with JJAI and local authorities to identify needs of youth and families of youth in the justice system related to the coronavirus pandemic and coordinate JJAI's Puerto Rico COVID19 Response fund expenditures in Puerto Rico.



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Specific job responsibilities may include:

- Analyzing local and/or national laws and current legal climate.
- Writing and submitting data requests to applicable national agencies.
- Coordinating with our partners in Latin America and the United States.
- Conduct interviews in detention facilities with teenagers and their families.
- Organize meetings of governmental and community stakeholders.
- Coordinate purchasing and delivering relief supplies.

Qualifications:

- Excellent research and writing skills.
- Resourceful and flexible.
- Fluent in Spanish
- English proficiency is a plus.
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills.
- Demonstrated interest in criminal justice, defendant's rights, children's rights, or international human rights.
- Relevant course work including: international law, criminal law, evidence, juvenile justice law, or clinic.
- Experience working with at-risk, marginalized or traumatized populations a plus.

Date Position Available: May 21, 2021

Duration: 10 weeks

Hours: 30 hours per week.

Compensation: Stipend of \$250 per week.

To Apply:

Send a **resume or CV** and **Cover Letter** to the Director, Douglas Keillor, at douglas@jjadvocates.org