

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF MARYLAND LTD.
DIVERSION LINKAGES PROJECT: CLIENT SERVICES SPECIALIST

The Association for the Public Defender of Maryland together with the Maryland Office of the Public Defender (OPD) seeks two licensed Master Social Worker to serve as a Client Service Specialists in Frederick and Hagerstown, Maryland. OPD provides superior representation to indigent clients of all ages throughout the State of Maryland. The Agency's vision is for *Justice, Fairness, and Dignity for All* and we are committed to our core values of a culture of excellence, client-centered representation, tenacious advocacy, and unity as a team in achieving the Agency's mission. This is a grant funded position that will run through October, 2020.

OVERVIEW:

OPD is looking for two licensed Master Social workers to serve as Client Services Specialist in our Frederick and Hagerstown offices respectively. Working collaboratively with our attorneys and staff, the Client Services Specialists will conduct substance abuse screenings and evaluations, in-depth risk and needs assessments, form diagnostic impressions, and create individualized treatment plans for individuals charged with a crime. The Client Services Specialists would work with individuals identified with a substance use disorder(s) and help determine if they could be better served in the community receiving treatment as a pretrial diversion.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Administer various screening and assessment tools to detained clients at the Frederick County Detention and/or the Hagerstown Detention Centers; and/or walk in clients at either the Frederick OPD or Hagerstown OPD offices.
- Collaborate with Serenity Treatment Center in linking clients with appropriate level of treatment and ongoing therapeutic services.
- Formulate individualized treatment plans and diagnostic impressions based on the assessment results.
- Make treatment recommendations for appropriate levels of care to Peer Support Specialists and ensure the appropriate referrals are made.

REQUIREMENTS:

- MSW degree from an accredited University, School of Social Work.
- Licensed LMSW in Maryland.
- Experience conducting interviews and assessments.
- Experience with treatment planning and forming diagnostic impressions.
- Ability to build and maintain professional helping relationships.
- Ability to relate and communicate with diverse populations and groups.

TO APPLY:

If interested in becoming involved in the field of forensic social work and working towards just outcomes for indigent individuals, please submit a: (1) Cover Letter and (2) Resume via email to **tcollins@opd.state.md.us** or mail items to the attention of: Terri L. Collins, LCSW-C, Director of Social Work, Maryland Office of the Public Defender, 6 St. Paul Street, Suite 1502, Baltimore, MD 21202.

CLOSING DATE: February 15, 2019

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to building a culturally diverse staff and strongly encourage people historically underrepresented in the practice of law to apply.