Bronx Legal Services seeks a full-time Master of Social Work (MSW) to assist crime victims and their families.

**About Us:**

Bronx Legal Services, the Bronx office of Legal Services NYC, fights poverty and seeks racial, social, and economic justice for low-income New Yorkers. Bronx Legal Services advises and represents Bronx residents in family and immigration, housing, foreclosure, education, public benefits, disability, unemployment, consumer law, tax, and community economic development matters.

**Position:**

Bronx Legal Services seeks a full-time Master of Social Work (MSW) to assist crime victims and their families. The social worker will work within the Bronx Crime Victims Assistance Program, funded by the New York State Office of Victim Services. They will provide holistic support services as part of an interdisciplinary team of attorneys, paralegals, and Masters level social workers. This position will center the provision of assistance to people with disabilities and requires a strong interest and commitment to advancing accessibility for youth and adults who have experienced a crime. The ideal candidate will have knowledge of the NYC education system, special education law, and disability related services.

**Responsibilities:**

- Conduct comprehensive needs assessments and assist clients in accessing services
- Provide supportive counseling, crisis intervention, psycho-education, and trauma informed care
- Accompany clients to various in-field venues relating to legal case or supporting referrals, e.g.
- Advocate on behalf of clients to secure appropriate and timely benefits, entitlements, and services from governmental agencies
- Collaborate directly with attorneys, paralegals and social workers
- Conduct home visits when needed
- Provide information about Crime Victims’ Assistance and assist clients in obtaining benefits and compensation through the Office of Victims Services
- Obtain SIFI certification, once eligible, and supervise MSW graduate students
- Conduct trainings for Bronx Legal Services and the Legal Services Justice Center on topics related to practice specific SW/Legal collaboration

**Qualifications:**

- Master of Social Work degree, New York State (NYS) license (LMSW) required within one year of hire
- Fluency or proficiency in a language other than English that we commonly serve is a bonus, but not required
- Previous experience working on behalf of people with disabilities
- Knowledge of NYC education system, special education law, and disability related services a plus
- Experience providing short term counseling, crisis intervention and safety planning
- Experience assisting immigrant communities, low-income communities of color, and clients who are experiencing challenges related to trauma, poverty, disability, and other systemically marginalizing factors
- Familiarity with New York City & State institutions and social service systems
- Experience providing client centered advocacy, in the areas of public benefits, housing, civil and/or criminal legal systems, child welfare, education, and healthcare
- Strong written and verbal communication skills required
- Strong self-direction skills and ability to work independently required
- A demonstrated passion for social justice and commitment to working with low-income communities and communities of color to advance equality

**How to Apply:**

The salary for the position is competitive and commensurate with experience. Excellent medical, pre-tax flexible benefits and retirement plans along with generous annual and sick leave.

To apply for the position, send your resume, cover letter, recent writing sample, and names of three (3) references to Sandra Sanchez, Assistant to Project Director. All applications should be submitted via e-mail to ssanchez@lsnyc.org.

The subject line should read: â€œOVS Social Workerâ€

Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. Please no telephone calls and no mailed applications.

Bronx Legal Services is an equal opportunity employer. People of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and gender non-conforming people, and people over the age of 40 are all welcome and encouraged to apply.