



GEORGETOWN LAW

Position Announcement

Director, Health Justice Alliance Medical-Financial Partnership

The Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance (HJA) seeks a Director for its new Medical-Financial Partnership to lead the planning, design, and implementation of a medical-legal collaboration to promote the financial health of patient families of MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's Division of Community Pediatrics. This is a grant-funded position starting in spring 2024, with the potential for future funding to sustain and grow the program. Georgetown Law and HJA are committed to diversity in hiring.

HJA Medical-Financial Partnership Description

HJA is an academic medical-legal partnership (MLP) between Georgetown University's Law and Medical Centers through which law students and attorneys address barriers to patient health and well-being in collaboration with medical students, physicians, and other healthcare providers. By partnering directly with healthcare providers serving high needs patients in Washington, D.C., HJA offers a unique method for reducing the barriers to justice confronted by families with low-income through three existing MLPs. HJA's Cancer and Perinatal Legal Assistance & Well-Being Projects collaborate with MedStar Washington Hospital Center. The Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic, which is part of Georgetown Law's top-ranked clinical law program, engages law and medical students with the MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Division of Community Pediatrics, which has provided place-based comprehensive healthcare to children in D.C. for over 30 years through its Kids Mobile Medical Clinic and two School-Based Health Centers.

Building on these successful partnerships, the HJA, the Division of Community Pediatrics, the MedStar Health Research Institute Division of Health Equity Research, and Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy are now launching the MedStar Georgetown Medical-Financial Partnership (MFP) in recognition of financial well-being as a social determinant of health and well-being. MFPs are novel cross-sector collaborations in which health care systems and financial service and advocacy organizations work collaboratively to improve health by reducing patient financial stress, primarily in low-income communities.

MFP Director Position

The MFP Director will lead HJA's role in designing and launching this new partnership. Responsibilities will include team and infrastructure building, program model development including screening, referral, and feedback systems, training and education of healthcare partners, community engagement, and initial implementation of the project, including provision of direct legal services and collaboration with cross-sector partners in areas related to financial health, such as public benefits and housing. The MFP Director will also work directly with HJA's research and medical partners and other team members to design and manage data collection and research and evaluation efforts and engage in policy advocacy and collaboration with other partners and organizations. While not a teaching position, supervision of law and medical students and potentially post-graduate fellows and other attorneys is envisioned.

The MFP Director position is offered through Georgetown Law Center and includes a competitive salary and University benefits. It requires an experienced legal services attorney with expertise working with clients with low income. Applicants should be interested in working in a dynamic and collaborative academic-MLP setting that includes a range of inter-professional education, service, and research initiatives.

Qualifications

Required qualifications include:

- J.D. from an accredited law school and membership in the District of Columbia Bar.
- A minimum ten years post-J.D. experience providing civil legal services to low-income clients
- The willingness and ability to work collaboratively with doctors, nurses, social workers, and other healthcare providers to leverage medical expertise to advance legal advocacy at the individual and community level
- A demonstrated commitment to social justice and service to vulnerable clients
- Experience collaborating with other legal and social service organizations serving families with low-income in Washington, D.C.
- Experience with policy advocacy to advance social justice for people with low income
- Interest in contributing to data and other research on health, financial, and justice outcomes
- Willingness to develop legal expertise as needed
- Ability to travel between local clinical sites

The ideal candidate will also have:

- Prior MLP experience
- Experience building new legal services programs or expanding existing ones
- Demonstrated managerial experience over junior attorneys, paralegals, and/or student interns
- Experience training healthcare providers or other interdisciplinary partners on areas of law
- Expertise in one or more of the following areas of law: public benefits, housing, consumer and other financial debt, and education

Application Instructions:

This position will be filled as soon as possible and early application is encouraged. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and should be submitted no later than Monday, March 25, 2024. To apply, please email a letter of interest and a résumé/CV directly to healthjusticealliance@georgetown.edu with the subject line “MFP Director Position.”

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