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## Legal Aid of Arkansas Justice For Arkansans AmeriCorps Member Positions

Service Position Title: Justice for Arkansans Legal Fellow, Eight (8) Positions

**Service Location:** Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc. 714 South Main, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401. Service sites will include Fort Smith, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Newport, Pine Bluff, Springdale, and West Memphis.

**Site Supervisor:** Kesia Morrison, Communications Director, 870-972-9224 ext. 6306, kmorrison@arlegalaid.org.

Service Position Summary: The Justice for Arkansans program will have 8 AmeriCorps members providing direct legal services across Arkansas. Members will develop and conduct legal education and outreach; screen applicants for services; provide legal information and referrals; provide legal advice and representation; and recruit, train, and coordinate volunteers. Four members will focus on Economic Opportunity, assuring access to safe and affordable housing (2) [Jonesboro, Fort Smith] and employment opportunity (2) [West Memphis, Pine Bluff]. Two members will focus on providing services to Veterans and Military families in Little Rock or Springdale. Two members will focus on Healthy Futures, primarily through Medical-Legal Partnerships at Hot Springs or Newport.

## **Essential Functions of Position:**

- Provide legal advice and representation to low-income individuals and families.
- Provide community outreach and education to Arkansans regarding access to safe and affordable housing, legal issues facing veterans and their family members, legal issues impacting health, and legal barriers to employment opportunity.
  - Recruit volunteer attorneys and others to assist eligible Arkansans.
- Access to Vulnerable Populations: All members will undergo criminal background checks: including NSOPR, FBI, and Arkansas State Police, as well as other states, as necessary.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Required:** Justice for Arkansans members must be graduates of an accredited law school. Licensed to practice in Arkansas or sitting for the July, 2016 bar exam is preferred. Favorable bar results may be required prior to commencement of service. Travel required. Must have reliable transportation.

**Commitment Required:** Start date of service will be October 1, 2016 for a term of eleven months, ending September 30, 2017. Members must serve a minimum of 1,700 hours to successfully complete the term of service.







# **AmeriCorps Program Benefits:**

- Living allowance of \$1,500 per month.
- Education award of \$5,775 on successful completing of 1,700 hours service.
- Health insurance provided.
- Liability insurance, license fees, continuing legal education, and per diem/mileage per Legal Aid policy provided.

**For more information:** For more information or to apply please email Kesia Morrison, Communications Director, at cmorrison@arlegalaid.org. Email is the preferred means of application.

Positions open until filled. Legal Aid of Arkansas is an equal opportunity employer.