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# Community Engagement & Mental Health Public Policy Fellow

AFSSA (Asian Family Support Services of Austin) provides free services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault & trafficking. AFSSA is looking for a **Community Engagement & Mental Health Public Policy Fellow** who has a strong understanding of Asian family and community dynamics and is able to convey sensitive information in a culturally appropriate manner. They should also have a basic understanding of domestic violence and immigrant issues. The fellow will have the opportunity to assist AFSSA and it's allied organizations to unite around collective, common policy priorities that make a meaningful difference for our clients. The fellowship will assist AFSSA in establishing our organizing capacity and grow our community's advocacy power to advance the health and well-being for Asian Texan survivors of violence.

**Essential Duties:**

- Work with Executive Leadership to assist with development and execution of public policy campaign for AFSSA and its coalition of statewide allied organizations
- Monitor public policy environment and contribute to shaping AFSSA's public policy agenda
- Organize regular convenings of coalition (potentially eight organizations based in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin)
- Conduct listening circles/individual listening sessions with organization leadership, staff, and clients to assess issues/needs
- Synthesize and evaluate quantitative and qualitative data collected from interviews
- Develop report of common themes and trends for potential policy development and align with coalition leadership to identify policy focus recommendations at the state level
- Present findings to AFSSA board, allies, and coalition members
- Meet regularly with the Direct Services and Community Engagement team managers to understand the policy needs of our community and survivors
- Create strategy to build powerful network of advocates statewide through organizational relationships and allies
- Build alliances with local community groups, ethnic businesses and organizations
- Assist with training and development of advocate network (including delivering live public testimony, storytelling, writing letters to editor and OpEds, media relations, social media engagement, effective written testimony, etc.)
- Organize potential advocacy day and calls to action
- Establish relationships with key policy makers and elected leaders
- Distribute advocacy outreach material, including calls to action and other educational content, via digital channels including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WeChat, and other digital spaces
- Coordinate in-person and digital organizing and training events for staff, allied organizations, and the general public

**Required Skills:**

- Recent graduate (within the past 18 months) of law, social work, public policy, public health, or a related master's or higher degree program
- Experience or strong interest in community organizing
- Strong public speaking and facilitation skills
- Strong knowledge of immigrant cultures, respect for all cultures, and ability to interact with diverse groups of people
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks efficiently
- Availability to work a flexible schedule that could include some weekends and evenings
- Interest in community education around domestic violence & sexual assault, barriers facing immigrant communities & social services
- Interested in fund development, Texas legislative process, and local and federal government policy development
- Bi-lingual in an Asian Language is a plus.

**Salary:** $47,500

Please send a cover letter, resume, and a writing sample to info@afssaustin.org.

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