



# CARECEN

## Central American Refugee Center

The Central American Refugee Center (CARECEN) is a non-profit that has served the immigrant community on Long Island for four decades through legal services, community education and advocacy. We seek a Social Worker with a deep understanding of and commitment to public interest to provide critical social support services to immigrant children and families on Long Island. The Social Worker is a full time, salaried, exempt position.

### **Overview of the Role**

The Social Worker will provide social work services to immigrants on Long Island, including but not limited to undocumented Long Island youth, unaccompanied minor children and parents with children facing deportation at the New York Immigration Court, appearing before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Family Courts on Long Island. The Social Worker will be an integral part of an interdisciplinary team, working closely to address the needs of the social, health and mental needs of these vulnerable immigrants. The Social Worker will also provide macro services through leading mental health groups as well as providing internal and external training on mental health and community resources.

### **Primary Duties**

- Assess and counsel immigrant clients, including by reviewing relevant medical records; interview clients' family members and other collateral contacts; make home visits and engage in other off-site work
- Conduct social service referrals to appropriate health services; conduct short-term crisis intervention; facilitate access to emergency housing; and link clients to vocational and educational services
- Make oral or written submissions to Immigration and Family Court to advocate on behalf of clients, or to present mitigating factors
- Provide internal and external training on topics such as trauma and mental health diagnoses and other topics relevant to the immigrant community
- Offer occasional general community support through open office hours
- Support mental health groups, including leading support group sessions in person and/or virtually
- Supervise social work interns as task supervisor, if not SIFI certified, and under the supervision of the field instructor
- Attend staff meetings and case conferences to provide guidance on issues affecting the broader CARECEN caseload

- Maintain detailed records on client cases, groups, trainings and presentations and regularly report to CARECEN on all of the above
- Other duties as assigned

### **Qualifications**

- Experience providing diagnostic casework for clients of all ages
- Experience working with child and adult clients with the following presenting issues: trauma, mental illness, physical illness, physical disabilities, intellectual and developmental delays
- Experience working with community based providers for case management purposes
- Ability to quickly develop treatment plans
- Excellent organizational, public speaking and training skills
- Ability to work within a team and motivate and mentor other social workers
- An MSW degree; NYS certification in social work (LMSW) preferred
- Fluent in Spanish and English

**Home Office:** Hybrid / based out of CARECEN's Hempstead and Brentwood offices

**Supervisor:** Lead Social Worker

**Benefits:** \$60,000 to \$65,000 annually + full medical, dental, vision, disability, and paid family leave insurance, 21 PTO days, 5 health/wellness days, and generous holidays each year

**How to Apply:** Email a detailed cover letter explaining why this job would be a great fit for you, a resume and three (3) references to fernando@carecenny.org with "Social Worker" included in the subject line. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

***CARECEN is an equal opportunity employer and embraces diversity. Immigrants, women, persons of color, LGBT and others are encouraged to apply.***