



## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

### LICENSED THERAPIST & FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATOR

#### Bi/Multilingual (Full-Time FSLA Exempt)

Position Available starting January 2018

Location: Los Angeles & travel to detention centers in Orange & San Bernardino Counties

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The Program for Torture Victims (PTV) assists the courageous survivors of state-sponsored torture and persecution who have stood up for freedom, equality and human dignity. Since 1980, PTV has helped new U.S. refugees, seeking asylum from over 70 countries, heal their physical and psychological wounds and start a second life here in California.

PTV has a unique opportunity for a passionate, bilingual/multilingual licensed mental health professional and forensic psychological evaluator to support immigrant survivors of trauma or abuse who are in detention or in removal proceedings. The therapist will evaluate asylum seekers, represented by LA Justice Fund attorneys, in our office in Ktown and at various immigration detention centers in Orange and San Bernardino Counties. Major responsibilities include: interviewing and assessing asylum seekers, authoring psychological reports as evidence in Immigration Court; serving as expert witness in asylum hearings and immigration court; working with and maintaining close relationships with partner legal services organizations or pro bono attorneys in client care and representation; Providing trauma-informed therapeutic treatment and case management as indicated if client is released from detention; and documenting client information, services and notes in PTV's client database.

The successful candidate will be:

- A CA-licensed mental health professional (LCSW, MFT, PsyD, LPCC).
- Fluent in an additional language(s) such as Spanish, Arabic, Armenian, Bengali, Farsi, French, Hindi, Mandarin, or Russian is required.
- Have excellent interpersonal, communication and writing skills.
- Have a minimum of 7 years of providing trauma-informed therapeutic care (assessments, therapy, crisis intervention and case management) including with refugees or other immigrant populations.
- Experience conducting forensic psychological assessments and evaluations.
- Comfortable substantiating and defending findings as an expert witness in LA Immigration Court.
- Holder of CA Driver's License and ability to travel to court and to detention centers in Orange and San Bernardino Counties. There may be some occasional overnight stays in Victorville.
- Experience working with interpreters is a plus.
- Strong in computer skills, including experience working with electronic client care databases and MS Office software.

**Salary is DOE.**

Applications must include a cover letter describing your interest in the position AND specific qualifications that match the above requirements, résumé, salary expectations, a writing sample (psych report or freewriting sample of 5-8 pages) and three professional references.

*No phone calls please. Email complete packet in PDF or Word format to: [jobs@ptvla.org](mailto:jobs@ptvla.org)*

In an effort to bring greater diversity and cultural capacity to our workforce, PTV encourages people of color, LGBT individuals, and pan-cultural or multi-lingual candidates to apply. PTV does not discriminate on the basis of national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran status.