



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
LICENSED BILINGUAL PSYCHOTHERAPIST & FORENSIC EVALUATOR
(Full-Time FSLA Exempt)

Position Available ASAP

Location: Virtual-telehealth/Los Angeles & possible occasional future travel to Detention Center when safe.

The Program for Torture Victims (PTV) assists immigrant survivors of torture and persecution who have stood up for freedom, equality and human dignity. Since 1980, PTV has helped refugees seeking asylum from over 70 countries, heal their physical and psychological wounds and start a second life here in California. We are headquartered in Koreatown, Los Angeles but are operating virtually indefinitely.

PTV has a unique opportunity for a passionate, bilingual/multilingual licensed mental health professional who is also able to conduct forensic psychological evaluations to support immigrant trauma survivors in detention or in immigration removal proceedings. The therapist will evaluate asylum seekers and provide trauma responsive therapy using telehealth or in-person (as needed/when safe) and occasionally at the Adelanto immigrant detention center in San Bernardino County.

Major responsibilities include:

- Conducting intake and psychological assessments for asylum seekers.
- Authoring psychological reports to document symptoms and trauma sequelae.
- Serving as expert witness in asylum hearings and immigration court.
- Coordinating forensic services and survivor care with legal services partner organizations.
- Providing trauma-informed therapeutic treatment.
- Coordinated therapeutic case management care in partnership with PTV's CM team.
- Maintaining timely progress notes in PTV's electronic client database; and
- Other projects and organizing work relevant to survivor care as assigned by Clinical Director

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications or attributes:

- A CA-licensed mental health professional (LCSW, MFT, PsyD, LPCC).
- Fluency in an additional language(s) such as Spanish, Russian, Mandarin, Farsi, Bengali, Armenian or Arabic is desirable.
- Have excellent interpersonal, communication, collaboration and teamwork skills.
- Strong writing skills and ability to adhere to critical (but reasonable) report deadlines for court.
- Have a minimum 5 years providing trauma-informed therapeutic care (assessments, therapy, crisis intervention and case management) including with refugee/immigrant populations.
- Experience conducting forensic psychological assessments and evaluations OR willingness to learn. (Training and support will be made available)
- Comfortable substantiating and defending findings as an expert witness in LA Immigration Court.
- Holder of CA Driver's License and ability to travel to LA court (safety pandemic and to detention centers in San Bernardino County. (dependent on the pandemic
- Experience working with interpreters is a plus.
- Strong organization and time management skills.
- Strong in computer skills, including experience working with electronic client care databases and MS Office software.

Salary range is \$70-\$80K for LCSWs and LMFTs. PsyD licensure range will be higher.

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***

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.