



## MSW Intern – Holistic Defense Advocate

### The Position:

The MSW Intern/Holistic Defense Advocate is part of a collaborative team working to provide high quality holistic representation to indigent adult clients accused of crimes in South Santa Barbara County. Through legal representation from public defender attorneys and targeted, comprehensive social work interventions from Holistic Defense Advocates, the program addresses life circumstances that lead to contact with the criminal justice system. The Holistic Defense team aims to stabilize lives, reduce recidivism, and create safer communities. An integral part of the defense team, the MSW Intern/Holistic Defense Advocate supports the Holistic Defense Advocate position. These positions report to the Holistic Defense Program Manager (LCSW).

FSA's MSW Field Placement Internship (Field education, also called practicum, fieldwork or field experience) is co-located within the Public Defender's Office. Clinical supervision provided.

### Sample of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Accompany holistic defense clients at service provider intakes, transport clients from the jail to service providers, accompany clients to make purchases needed to improve life circumstances (clothing for job interviews, etc.) as directed .
- Research and contact service providers on behalf of clients, as directed by Holistic Defense Advocates.
- Under the guidance of the FSA holistic defense team, represent FSA in the community, and cultivate relationships with community programs and social service providers; work collaboratively with partners to meet the comprehensive and complex needs of clients.
- Cultivate and maintain professional relationships with Public Defender attorneys and staff.

### Employment Standards:

- Bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred.
- Bachelor degree required.
- Current enrollment in master's or doctoral-level clinical program at an accredited university.
- Must possess valid CA Driver License and auto insurance.
- Excellent analytical, computer, written and verbal communication skills.
- Professional attitude, teamwork, and ability to maintain confidentiality a must.

### Classification, Hours and Pay Rate:

- This position is a 20-hour per week unpaid internship. Stipend available beginning July 1, 2019.

Family Service Agency's north county DBA is Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center (SMVYFC). FSA/SMVYFC has long been regarded as one of Santa Barbara County's most reliable and effective nonprofit human service organizations. Our mission is to strengthen and advocate for families and individuals of all ages and diversities, helping to create and preserve a healthy community. We are committed to providing services where they are needed most: in the community. Eighty percent of our services are delivered on school campuses, at community centers and in clients' homes. Our programs, which serve more than 25,000 people annually, combine clinical expertise, bilingual and bicultural staff, and close collaboration with other agencies. At FSA, all services are provided free or on a sliding fee/donation scale and no one is denied assistance because of an inability to pay.

To apply for this position, it is **highly recommended that you submit both a cover letter and resume.** Please reply to this ad, and/or you may also send your materials to:

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