

Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho
Position Announcement
Social Worker - Mitigation Specialist
(Non-Capital)
Spokane, WA

Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho is now accepting applications for a **Social Worker - Mitigation Specialist** position. This is a full-time position based in **Spokane, WA**, but will also assist attorneys in our Yakima branch office.

Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho is the Community Defender Organization (*see* 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(g)(2)(B)) for the Eastern District of Washington and the Northern District of Idaho. The organization is a non-profit corporation funded by a grant from the federal government. Employees of Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho are considered “at will” and are not government employees. The organization provides defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters appointed by the court. The organization's main office is in Spokane, Washington, with a branch office in Yakima, Washington.

JOB DESCRIPTION: We are looking for applicants with social work training to identify resources and services in the community for clients needing mental or physical health treatment, housing, employment, obtaining identification documents, transportation, social security benefits, and all needs related to re-entering the community after incarceration, as conditions of release on bond or as an alternative to incarceration.

The social worker will also develop and maintain relationships with clients, their family members, local social service providers and pretrial service/probation officers, and perform other tasks as required. Applicants must also possess the ability to work in a team environment; communicate effectively both orally and in writing; be accurate and attentive to detail; compose correspondence independently; and organize work, set priorities and meet critical deadlines. Position may also require the ability to testify at court proceedings.

Regular day trips and some overnight travel is required for case investigations and visiting clients housed in various correctional facilities throughout Eastern Washington and North Idaho. Anticipated start date Spring/Summer 2018.

REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS: A minimum of three (3) years social work experience required; some higher education may be substituted for experience. Bachelor's Degree in Social Science or equivalent is required; however, a Master's in Social Work (MSW) preferred.

Applicants should have a commitment to providing quality representation to indigent defendants, a personality that allows them to deal with many different types of individuals and a reputation for personal integrity. Applicants must have a working knowledge of the criminal justice and correctional systems as well as psychology and psychological testing. Must possess a valid driver's license, car and insurance. Excellent written and verbal communications skills are required. Computer literacy is required, i.e. Microsoft Word, Excel and Adobe Acrobat.

This office believes that true excellence is achieved through collaboration between people of diverse perspective and shared respect. We ask any who are willing to give their best to our indigent clients apply for this position.

SALARY/BENEFITS: This is a full-time position. Salary is dependent upon qualifications and experience. Benefits are provided, and salary is payable by direct deposit.

TO APPLY: Send letter of interest, resume and 3 references by **electronic submissions in PDF format only** to:

Email: ewa_employment@fd.org

Subject Line: Social Worker-Mitigation Specialist/SP

No telephone calls: Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 16, 2018.

Applications received after this date may be considered if the position is not filled. Current and future positions may be filled from this position announcement. Position contingent upon future funding.

Interviews will be scheduled in Spokane, Washington (travel to interview is at your own expense).

**The Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho is an equal opportunity employer.
We encourage people of diverse backgrounds to apply.**