



LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP)
Ensuring the independence and dignity of seniors by protecting their legal rights through education, counseling and advocacy

Open Position Advertisement Multilingual (English/Chinese) Advocate

The Agency

Legal Assistance for Seniors (LAS) is a non-profit agency serving Alameda County residents who are 60 years of age and older. We provide legal advice and information, representation in court and administrative hearings, referrals to other community resources, and community education and training in the following areas: prevention of elder abuse, public benefits, housing, guardianships, naturalization, and health law.

Through our Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), LAS provides individual counseling and community education to Medicare beneficiaries of any age, in the areas of Medicare, supplemental coverage including Medigaps, Medicare Advantage, and prescription drug plans, low-income assistance programs, and long-term care insurance.

This position

This is a full-time 35 hour/week position at Legal Assistance for Seniors. This position will assist clients with health coverage (Medicare and Medi-Cal) and public benefits issues and will participate in education and outreach to the Chinese communities throughout Alameda County. This position is a member of the HICAP team, works closely with HICAP, Community Education, and Legal staff, and reports to the HICAP Manager.

Duties and Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

HICAP Advocacy:

- Manage, translate, and respond to/and or distribute incoming correspondence in Chinese, including but not limited to voice mail messages, faxes, and emails.
- Train to be a registered HICAP Counselor and maintain proficiency in Medicare, Medi-Cal, and related health insurance issues.
- Counsel HICAP clients by phone (and in-person as appropriate); complete client intakes.

Community Education (CE):

- Provide interpretation in Mandarin or Cantonese at certain educational presentations throughout Alameda County.
- Provide translation of presentations and fact sheets as identified by the CE Coordinator.

Legal Advocacy:

- Provide direct assistance and advocacy to clients around their health law and public benefits needs, under the supervision of an attorney.
- Attend weekly health law and case review meetings.

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Minimum Qualifications

- Associates Degree
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Speak, read, and write in Mandarin, Cantonese, and English
- Self-motivated and able to work independently and as part of a team
- Detail oriented and organized
- Punctual and efficient with time use
- Demonstrated commitment to serving the historically disenfranchised, sensitivity towards older adults and persons with disabilities
- Ability to issue-spot, gather and assimilate information, and problem-solve
- Computer proficient, including Outlook, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and database knowledge
- Experience with customer service preferred

Working conditions & physical requirements

- Ability to sit for extended periods and alternate between sitting and motion tasks frequently
- Ability to use phone and computer systems for long periods of time
- Ability to multitask in a busy and diverse office environment
- Ability to travel occasionally within Alameda County to attend outreach and education events

Compensation:

Full time, non-exempt wage of \$21.98/hour, 35 hours per week. Generous benefits package including medical, dental, vision and life insurance coverage; accrue up to 10 days vacation and 2 weeks sick time; enrollment in and employer contributions toward 401k plan after 6 months; pre-tax cafeteria plan (medical, transportation, childcare) after 6 months.

TO APPLY: Please email a cover letter and resume in PDF format to jobs@lashicap.org with the subject line “Multilingual Advocate.” In your cover letter please address the following:

LAS serves a very diverse population. Our clients include seniors, people with disabilities, low-income members of our community, LGBTQ individuals, and people of color. **How have your experiences, professional or otherwise, prepared you to contribute to our commitment to cultural humility and equity?**

Feel free to think broadly about your response to this question.

Legal Assistance for Seniors is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate based on ancestry, age, color, disability (physical and mental, includes HIV and AIDS), genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, medical condition (gender characteristics, cancer or record or history of cancer), military or veteran status, national origin, race, religion (includes religious dress and grooming), sex/gender (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and/or related medical conditions), sexual orientation, request for FMLA (Family and Medical Leave Act), or any other factor that is not related to the position.