



ILLINOIS HEALS - Helping Everyone Access Linked Systems

An OVC Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Demonstration Initiative

Illinois HEALS Social Work Internship Description

Illinois HEALS Background

In October 2017, Illinois was awarded a Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Illinois is one of only four states designated as a demonstration site for planning and implementing the multi-year grant. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) is the coordinating entity for this project in Illinois. This multi-year initiative has been titled Illinois Helping Everyone Access Linked Systems (HEALS) and seeks to improve the identification and coordination of care for children and youth victims as well as their families. The Illinois HEALS Framework, outlined in the [Action Plan](#), presents identification, referrals and services through the lens of relationship. More background information can be accessed on the [Illinois HEALS website](#).

Most likely duties

- Assist with the development, implementation and analysis of a workforce needs survey
- Attendance at initial and concluding meetings with stakeholders, and the advisory body.
- Assist in the development of the final report
- Assist in the development of a Project Toolkit which will include findings and lessons learned from programs who are implementing the Illinois HEALS framework
- Join the Racism and Trauma Ad Hoc Committee of the Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition. In addition, provide administrative support to this Ad Hoc committee.
- Other potential projects in development
- Attend internal and external meetings

Strong candidate will be a self-started who can work independently. This candidate also has some foundational knowledge on trauma and violence and an interest in this area. Previous direct service experience is preferred but not required.

Email a cover letter and resume to CJA.HRDepartment@illinois.gov. Include **name, 2nd semester and Illinois HEALS in the subject before submitting (For Example subj: Jane Doe, 2nd semester-HEALS Intern Program)**. Deadline is October 15,2021



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