

REA Associate Manager (Nashville)

Nashville International Center for Empowerment (NICE), established in 2005, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) community-based organization dedicated to ensuring refugees and immigrants achieve their full potential now and for generations to come.

The Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) provides funding for a broad range of social services to refugees. The purpose of the Refugee & Entrant Assistance (REA) program is to help refugees and entrants achieve economic self-sufficiency and adjust socially to life in the Unites States as quickly as possible. The impact of over 250,000 Cuban/Haitian entrants continues to impact services to this vulnerable population. The REA program will assist clients to obtain the resources and life skills required to become self-sufficient. The REA Associate Manager will report to the PC Program Manager and will oversee one REA Case Manager. This is a full-time, 40-hour-per-week position.

General Responsibilities:

- Conducts community outreach to identify REA eligibility in the community
- Performs monthly REA case file reviews and monitoring
- Connects with local organizations to identify resources, create partnerships, and new initiatives
- Serves as liaison for key partnerships connecting client base to resources within immigration, education, medical, and more
- Completes data entry, including use of specialized database software
- Maintains filing and archiving systems to meet programmatic guidelines
- Provides culturally competent support to all clients
- Assures that all REA services program requirements are met on time
- Manages and ensure successful and timely completion of reporting
- Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending agency in-service programs, educational workshops, state and national trainings and conferences, reviewing professional publications and establishing personal networks
- Attends weekly and quarterly staff and team/leadership meetings
- · Participates in NICE staff training and development activities
- Meets with clients in person, or by video/telephone, to explain NICE programs and eligibility
- Ensures all new clients are assessed for benefits and given support in applying for SNAP, TANF, WIC, Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA), and TennCare as eligible.
- Collaborates with Immigration team members regarding the REA program
- · Facilitates internal referrals for English classes and education-related services
- Conducts administrative tasks affiliated with program operations
- Maintains a caseload of clients (checking in, supporting needs, completing case notes, schedule appointments, etc.)
- Supports the development of REA enrollment paperwork and ensures client enrollments in cash assistance and employment programs are timely



- Delivers specialized services to remove barriers to self-sufficiency for clients
- Provides transportation for clients as needed
- Reports to the Program Manager for day-to-day operations
- Provides oversight to one REA case manager
- Other duties as assigned.
- Utilizes Microsoft Office 365 suite to organize and manage documentation and email

Requirements:

- Ability to work with a diverse team
- Ability to plan, prioritize, manage, and complete tasks on a deadline
- Ability to remain flexible and responsive to evolving program needs
- Committed to and persistent in meeting refugee clients' needs
- Strong interpersonal and verbal communication skills
- High levels of motivation, self-reliance, and independence
- Attention to detail
- Excellent written and oral English proficiency
- Candidates that can speak Spanish and/or Creole are strongly preferred but not required
- Knowledge of current TANF, social services, employment/labor, and welfare issues and trends preferred but not required
- Reliable transportation
- Previous experience with Microsoft Office 365 suite is preferred but not required

Salary & Benefits:

• **Job Type:** Full time

• Salary Range: \$41,000-\$45,000

Benefits: Paid holidays, vacation and PTO, health insurance, dental, vision, and 401(k)

To Apply:

Send a cover letter, resume, and two professional references to <u>careers@empowernashville.org</u>. Applications without the requested information will not be considered. Qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview. No calls or emails.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL THE POSITION IS FILLED.

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