



**MSW Field Placement / Social Services Internship**  
**Adult Program- Phoenix with travel to Florence**  
**Social Work with Asylum Seekers**

**About The Florence Project**

The Florence Project was founded in 1989 to respond to a representation crisis for indigent non-citizens detained at the rural Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention Center in Florence, Arizona. Through our programs today, we provide services to the more than 4,000 men, women, and children detained in Eloy, Florence, Phoenix, and Tucson, Arizona on any given day. In 2001, the Florence Project implemented our Integrated Social Services Program, one of the first of its kind in this field. The Florence Project provides high quality legal and social services and supports initiatives for national changes in immigration law and policy.

**Placement/ Internship Description**

The social services team is seeking a MSW intern for its Adults Program in Phoenix with frequent travel to Florence and Eloy. Students will work directly with clients who are detained and fighting asylum cases. The intern will be supervised by the social services team, but will also work as a part of the legal team. Students will complete the following tasks and there is some flexibility depending on the requirements of your MSW program and interests.

- Assist in release planning and advocacy
- Scholarly research into the psychological symptoms of trauma and persecution
- Assist in interviewing clients and writing their declarations to support their asylum cases in a trauma informed way
- Identify local and national resources for vulnerable populations such as immigrants, survivors of Domestic Violence, the LGBTQIA community, etc.
- Administrative duties such as maintaining case notes, reporting, etc.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be able to pass a background check
- Must be in an accredited MSW program or related field
- Must be proficient in Spanish
- Commitment to immigrant rights, social justice, or human rights issues and ardent support of the Florence Project's mission.
- Preferred experience working with immigrant populations, trauma survivors or individuals with mental health issues is a plus.
- An independent hard working team player with a sense of humor who is flexible, patient, and respectful
- Travel is required. Must have reliable transportation. Mileage is reimbursed.

**Application Process**

Candidates will be considered on an ongoing basis. To apply, email your resume and a letter of interest which includes the opportunities you are interested in, the length of your commitment, your school, and year of school to [jobs@firrp.org](mailto:jobs@firrp.org), with "Social Services Internship" in the subject line. Applicants will be interviewed by telephone, or in person if possible. The Florence Project values diversity in the workplace and strongly encourages applications from people of color, LGBTQ individuals, persons with disabilities and members of under-represented communities.