



The Volunteers of America Dispute Resolution Center is a not for profit mediation and conflict resolution program. We utilize client centered conflict resolution practices to assist individuals and families in stabilizing housing, family relationships and employment. Learn more about us at www.voaww.org/drc.

We are currently seeking a Housing Conflict Resolution Specialist to complete our housing services team. We are looking for applicants with strong conflict resolution skills to assist families in resolving housing disputes. Responsibilities include building collaborative working relationships with countywide housing partners, providing conciliation and training support to prevention navigators and mediating disputes for families at risk of losing housing.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

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| TITLE: | Housing Conflict Resolution Specialist |
| CLASSIFICATION: | Full time |
| LOCATION: | Dispute Resolution Center |
| IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: | Housing Program Manager |
| ASSOCIATION: | Volunteers of America |
| DATE OF DESCRIPTION: | January 2016 |

GENERAL FUNCTION:

The VOA-DRC Housing Conflict Resolution Specialist (HCRS) provides outreach to the Landlord Engagement Specialist, Prevention Navigators and non-profit housing providers regarding the availability of the mediation and conciliation services. Referrals may be made by the Landlord Engagement Specialist, Prevention Navigator, housing provider or case manager to the HCRS to assist in preventing homelessness due to a dispute with a landlord or property management personnel. When appropriate, the HCRS will provide a facilitated conversation with the tenant and navigator or case manager to assist them in working through differences to avoid eviction proceedings. Mediation between landlord and tenant is also available through the HCRS.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Conflict resolution background
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to deliver conflict resolution skills to groups
- Low income housing experience a plus
- Demonstrated sensitivity to the needs of clients experiencing and at risk of homelessness
- Self-directed and motivated to set own deadlines
- Computer literacy - Word and Excel preferred

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES:

- Provide outreach to the Landlord Engagement Specialist, coordinated entry navigators, and non-profit housing providers to make them aware of the services offered
- Receive referrals from coordinated entry navigators, Landlord Engagement Specialist, or Prevention Navigators of high risk families that are at risk of losing their housing due to a dispute
- Engage non-profit housing providers and/or private market landlords to support entry of high risk families into housing
- Deliver dispute resolution services to the family and housing provider, engage a CE navigator or other helping professional as indicated
- Develop a dispute resolution plan to which all parties agree and the responsibilities of all parties are clearly

understood

- Arrange for delivery of Renter Certification Training, as applicable
- Deliver technical assistance, training, and conflict coaching to CE navigators and non-profit housing providers to build their capacity to assist high-risk families in retaining permanent housing.
- Participate in data collection and project evaluation and attend Investing in Futures partnership meetings and navigator meetings as requested

If you wish to apply for this position, please email your cover letter and resume to: recruiter@voaww.org.

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