

Position Title: Deportation Defense Organizer

Supervisory Relationship: Director of Organizing and Leadership, Immigrant Justice

Organization General Description

The Resurrection Project (TRP) builds trusting relationships to educate and propel individuals, immigrants, and families to achieve their social and economic aspirations, stable homes, and equitable participation in their community. TRP is a leading provider of affordable housing, financial education, and immigration services on Chicago's Southwest side.

During the past three decades TRP has worked to improve the lives of individuals and families by creating wealth, building assets, and engaging residents to be catalysts for change. Rooted in the Pilsen community, TRP's impact now extends across the City of Chicago and through the State of Illinois; we are making steady progress towards leveraging and preserving more than \$1 billion in community wealth by 2025.

Department Description

The goal of TRP's Immigrant Justice Department (IJ) is to provide opportunities for authentic local immigrant leadership, to offer holistic community-based immigration legal services, and to work in coalitions to expand access to legal representation. The Immigrant Justice Legal Clinic offers direct legal services while engaging clients in advocacy and education, and provides resources for the community to prepare for changes in immigration policy.

TRP Model



General Job Description

The Deportation Defense Organizer leads TRP's community protection and defense work. In coordination with the IJ team and partner organizations, the Deportation Defense Organizer designs and implements TRP's rapid response work, organizes participatory deportation defense campaigns, and participates in all immigrant justice campaigns.

Primary Job Duties and Responsibilities

- Serves as first point of contact for immigration enforcement actions threatening families and communities, including deportation or ICE raid alerts and determines course of action following alert
- Works in partnership with other organizations to build deportation defense rapid response infrastructure to protect families and communities
- Convenes community and organizational partners
- Attends and represents TRP at interagency and community meetings and roundtables
- Builds relationships with local schools, churches, and neighborhood institutions to support deportation defense work
- Develops and leads participatory deportation defense campaigns including for individual deportation cases.
- Actively participate in public education workshops regarding important immigration issues facing the community.
- Assist with implementation of communications and media strategy related to deportation defense
- Must keep current of changes in immigration law and procedures.
- Cultivate, manage, and expand relationships with participants, leaders and TRP partner institutions to promote and further TRP's organizational mission.
- Maintain required job skills and core professional competencies.
- Attend and participate in required educational programs and staff meetings.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Performance Measures

- Successful development and implementation of rapid response strategy
- Successful development and implementation of deportation defense campaigns and actions including rapid response, ICE check-ins, court hearings, press conferences and other public events
- Number of community and inter-organizational convenings
- Attendance and active participation at partner meetings

Essential Knowledge and Skills

- Bilingual in English and Spanish is required.
- Experience in working with immigrant communities.
- Demonstrated commitment to immigrant justice.
- Ability to work effectively in fast-paced environment
- Demonstrated ability to build relationships and work effectively with people of diverse social, faith, economic and racial/ethnic backgrounds.
- Excellent verbal, analytical, writing, and organization skills.
- Demonstrated public speaking skills.
- Proficient knowledge of MS Office and Internet required.

Special Working Conditions and Demands

- Willingness to work flexible hours; some evenings and weekends required.
- Access to a car, valid driver's license and insurance, and ability to travel throughout the state.

Position Classification and Salary Full-Time, Exempt, \$60,000 - \$70,000 annually

Statement of Equal Opportunity

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To Apply

Interested parties should send a cover letter and resume to trpjobs@resurrectionproject.org. No phone calls please.

I acknowledge the receipt of the job description; I have read and understand the responsibilities associated with the position and agree to perform the duties to the best of my ability.

Employee Name:

Employee Signature:

Date: