



Summer 2018 EJA Fellow



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Entry 1: Week of 6/11/2018, posted on Facebook 6/15/2018

#EJAFellowUpdate:

As part of my summer fellowship, I will be posting regular updates about the work I am doing. Over the past few weeks I have worked with the AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania, conducting intakes and researching legal issues for our clients. I am frustrated by the continuing stigma and discrimination that many people living with HIV face but I am grateful to work with the incredible folks at AIDS Law Project who fight tirelessly to address their clients' needs. So far I have researched the use of condoms as evidence in prosecuting sex work, expungement options for people living with HIV, and am working to help a trans woman obtain an accurate birth certificate.

Entry 2: Week of 6/25/2018, posted on LinkedIn 6/28/2018

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As part of my summer fellowship, I will continue to post regular updates about the work I am doing at AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania. This past week I have been researching the expungement process and working with clients who are worried that decades old arrests could prevent them from becoming foster parents. Criminal records can be a barrier for so many people, even those who have never been convicted of a crime.



Entry 3: Week of 7/9/2018, posted on LinkedIn 7/13/18

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As part of my summer fellowship, I will continue to post regular updates about the work I am doing at AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania. Today I helped a colleague determine how to request birth certificates for clients born in Puerto Rico who have no form of identification. It can be easy for many of us to take identification documents for granted but I've learned what a frustrating, cyclical process it can be to obtain IDs for folks who already face barriers to accessing services.

Entry 4: Week of 7/23/2018, posted on LinkedIn 7/27/18

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As part of my summer fellowship, I will continue to post regular updates about the work I am doing at AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania. This week I negotiated with the County Assistance Office to secure life-sustaining medical benefits for a client. This experience only strengthened my belief that healthcare is a human right and no one should have to worry that they will not be able to afford the medications they need to thrive.