

A. Contact Information

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Partners

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B. Organization Information

1. In a few sentences state the overall mission of your organization.

Partners empowers low-income victims and survivors of domestic violence to build safe and secure futures for themselves and their children by providing equal access to justice. We offer quality legal assistance in domestic violence and family law matters.

2. Please select the boxes (check as many as apply) to identify and briefly describe the population(s) for which your organization provides services, be sure to include information on characteristics such as age, disability or income, that might be used in establishing eligibility for your services.

Children/Families

3. In a few sentences describe the types of (legal?) services provided by your organization.

Partners is a non-profit public interest law firm that is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of domestic violence and sexual assault victims through legal representation, advice and counseling sessions, and by advocating for procedural and legislative change to benefit victims.

4. Service area:

County based (please list counties served)

Please specify the county or counties where your services would be applicable

Essex, Union, Middlesex, Passaic, Hudson

C. Pro Bono Opportunities

5. Please use the boxes below, by checking the general topic area and any specific sub-specialties, to indicate the substantive areas in which you are seeking pro bono support.

Family

You selected Family please select any sub specialties

Custody, Child Support, Domestic Violence, Visitation

6. Does your organization provide substantive training to volunteer attorneys?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

Partners provides regular trainings on the rights of victims of domestic and sexual violence to procure legal protection pursuant to the New Jersey Prevention of Domestic Violence Act. The training provides an in-depth of analysis of the statutory framework of the Act and legal process to obtain a final restraining order. Through this training, practitioners receive practical guidance on client-centered interviewing and providing trauma informed advocacy in final restraining order matters.

7. Please select any of the following support your organization provides. Next you'll be ask to explain further.

Litigation support, Translators

You selected Litigation support please explain further

Paralegal staff can assist in litigation support, such as the collecting and organization of evidence, as needed.

You selected Translators please explain further

Partners has Spanish speaking staff and can assist in translation of a variety of languages.

8. What, if any, supervision does your organization provide for volunteer attorneys?

We provide whatever level of supervision is needed on case-by-case basis. Mentorship ranges from advice to second seating for litigation.

9. Does your organization provide malpractice coverage for volunteer attorneys?

Yes

If yes, please describe:

Volunteer attorneys are covered under the organization's malpractice insurance in relation to the case they represent on our behalf.

10. Does your organization require volunteer attorneys to carry malpractice insurance?

No

11. Has the New Jersey Supreme Court approved your program for a Madden exemption?

Yes