

POSITION: Harm Reduction Outreach Worker

Salary: \$34,000 – plus benefits



Position Description:

- Arrange and conduct street outreach activities in the neighborhoods of Washington Heights, Hamilton Heights, and Inwood in order to reach drug using individuals at high risk for HIV and Hepatitis transmission
- Provide syringe exchange, disease transmission reduction education, program promotion, participant recruitment, risk reduction counseling, coordination into care, and street-based supportive services when necessary in street-based, commercial and residential settings
- Maintain accurate documentation of program activities and manage data collection and monitoring for outreach, ensuring that outreach is meeting goals and objectives
- Coordinate with other Outreach Worker(s) and Community Development Coordinator to connect with local community based organizations to provide resources and supplies
- Identify locations and settings where there may be high-risk activity for HIV/HCV transmission, such as after hour clubs, LGBTQ venues, sex worker strolls, and other settings to provide outreach, specifically safer sex education and condom distribution; conduct outreach during late evening and weekend hours
- Provide assistance to the Health Services Coordinator and Nurse Practitioner to promote health and wellness services when available, such as STI testing, HCV testing, Narcan® training and other services
- Prepare and facilitate the Women’s Wellness Group meetings on a weekly basis, if applicable
- Support volunteers and peers as needed
- Manage materials and supplies for outreach
- Assist with program monitoring and evaluation
- As part of a team, share in other organizational responsibilities as required including serving as a member of the crisis intervention team, general administrative work, general maintenance/cleaning of our office location, and volunteer training and coordination.
- Attend appropriate meetings to seek out current information about disease prevention, treatment and care.

Knowledge and Skill Requirements

- The position requires knowledge of outreach strategies, syringe exchange, and HIV prevention techniques, and the ability to carry out outreach activities on the street-level with both the general population and the high-risk population
- Experience working with drug users, sex workers, the homeless, mentally ill, formerly incarcerated, and HIV + populations, additional preferable work experience includes training and motivating volunteers, anti-discrimination strategies, LGBTQ issues, and community organizing
- Must be outgoing, organized, self-motivated, and committed to working in a diverse environment
- Must be a team player and able to work effectively with a large variety of personalities and abilities, pragmatic with excellent problem solving and conflict resolution skills
- Must be familiar with and believe in a harm reduction philosophy
- Must be willing to work outdoors several hours per day in various weather conditions; weekend and evening hours flexible to provide outreach services to high-risk populations that may congregate during non-office hours
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- Ability to work with diverse communities (multi-gender, -ethnic, -generation, -lingual, political) as well as enthusiasm working with individuals who are current substance users
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet, and email correspondence; AIRS experience a plus, but not necessary
- Ability to master a wide range of information and disperse accordingly and professionally
- Great attitude and people skills are a must
- Bilingual (English and Spanish) preferred
- *Individuals from the Washington Heights, Hamilton Heights, and Inwood areas are strongly encouraged to apply*

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***To be considered for this position your resume must explicitly state that you are bilingual and your cover letter must include your history, connection, and/or interest in harm reduction**