



Peer Counselor

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Job Summary: Under the direction of the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Program Director, the Peer Counselor, with personal knowledge of HIV/AIDS infection, substance abuse prevention and treatment, provides support and education to others in the substance abuse programs and in the community.

General Responsibilities:

- Implement peer to peer support, services and activities for substance using youth and people with HIV and AIDS.
- The Peer Counselor will conduct initial screenings and provide support to the program's day-to-day operations.
- Coordinate educational/emotional support groups.
- Provide treatment education on- and off-site at community outreach locations.
- Assist in recruitment and training of volunteer community persons.
- Record program activities and monitor outcomes by keeping accurate, updated client records and documentation.
- Provide administrative support in the form of responding to communications in addition to promoting the program through social media.
- Conduct individual counseling sessions and timely referrals for clients
- Advocates to ensure clients receive external quality services to meet their individual needs.
- Provide monthly/quarterly reports of program activities as assigned.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Bachelor Degree in psychology, sociology, social work, health sciences or related field preferred.
- Experience working with culturally and socially diverse community and with HIV+ groups within the Agency service area.
- Experience working within the substance abuse arena.
- Able to work independently within an agency team.
- Bilingual English/Spanish with good verbal and written communication skills.
- Able to meet agency job work hours and transportation and requirements.
- Willingness to self-disclose HIV diagnosis status.

HOURS: 40 hours per week.- Some weekends and evenings required. Some travel might be required.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: \$15 to \$17 per hour. Commensurate with education and experience.

TO REQUEST THE JOB DESCRIPTION, FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO APPLY:

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