

**SPECIAL SERVICE FOR GROUPS
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

Title: Outreach, Testing and Counseling Specialist
FLSA: Non-Exempt
Pay Rate: \$15-\$17.50/hr. DOE, plus comprehensive benefits

Division: APAIT/IBHT
Supervisor: Associate Director
Date: 10/3/2017

Summary

Under the supervision of the Associate Director, a strong team player and people-oriented **Outreach, Testing and Counseling Specialist (OTC Specialist)** will coordinate and implement HIV and substance abuse testing, as well as strategic outreach and community engagement efforts to increase awareness of SSG's outpatient substance abuse treatment program in LA County. This is a multidisciplinary program involving psychosocial, health education, substance use treatment, mental health, primary care, and HIV primary care providers. The candidate must have the ability to build and maintain rapport with community members, community planning groups, and stakeholders. Experience working with diverse ethnic and cultural communities is a must, including, but not limited to the following populations: people of color, gay/lesbian/ bisexual/ transgender/questioning community, monolingual and/or undocumented immigrants, substance users, and homeless persons, of varying ages. This is a full-time position requiring flexible hours including evenings, weekends, and some holidays.

Essential Functions

1. Conduct outreach activities to promote services and recruit program participants.
2. Provide HIV/STD Counseling, Testing, and Referral services to individuals at-risk for contracting HIV per agency and Division of HIV and STD Programs guidelines.
3. Disclose HIV/STD test results (both + and -) to clients and conduct disclosure counseling session per agency protocol.
4. Conduct urine analysis and other alcohol and drug testing as part of agency's substance abuse treatment program.
5. Establish and maintain partnerships with LA based substance abuse treatment programs to identify and recruit potential clients.
6. Conduct client follow-up activities to ensure that a minimum 33% of referred individuals are linked to SSG's outpatient substance abuse treatment program.
7. Represent and advocate on behalf of the agency and the community at related collaborations, community planning groups, social organizations, conferences, and other events as assigned.
8. Other projects as assigned to meet program and agency mission, goals and objectives.
9. Ability to work overtime and perform duties during weekends, holiday, and evenings when required; regular attendance.

Minimum Qualifications - Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required

1. High school diploma or GED equivalent plus a minimum of two years' experience in substance abuse and/or HIV/AIDS work.
2. Basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS, and related issues.
3. Completion of Basic 1 HIV Counselor Certification training within 6 months of hire.
4. Ability to work with diverse communities including but not limited to multi-gender, ethnic, generation, lingual, dual or multi-diagnosed, etc.
5. Great attitude and people skills a must.
6. Must be fluent in Spanish (read, speak, and write).
7. Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing with strong leadership skills.
8. Good problem solving and conflict resolution skills.
9. Valid California driver's license, plus proof of current car insurance; reliable transportation.
10. Verification of employment eligibility; passing of background check.
11. Updated tuberculosis test (annual requirement) – read, reviewed and dated by a clinician.
12. Experience and knowledge of MS Office and Outlook software.

Non-Essential Qualifications - Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

1. Basic 2 Counselor Certification within six months of completing Basic 1 HIV Counselor Training.
2. Established relationships with Los Angeles based substance abuse treatment programs and/or facilities.
3. Relevant community health outreach training.
4. Knowledge of behavior change interventions.

Supervisory Responsibilities

1. This position does not have formal supervisor responsibilities.

Environmental Conditions (Working Conditions)

1. Ergonomically safe office environment with desktop computer, desk, chair, natural light from windows.
2. Outreach in nightclubs and other venues that target population frequents. Must be comfortable with environmental conditions at the outreach locations, such as noise level, aggressive patrons, substance use, etc.

Physical Requirements

1. In the course of performing this job, this position typically spends time sitting, standing, driving, walking, carrying (max.20lbs), lifting (max. 20lbs), listening, and speaking.

Mental Requirements

This position requires someone that can accommodate to any/all of the following: constant distractions, interruptions; uncontrollable changes in priorities/work schedules; availability for on call/duty after regular working hours; and exposure to inappropriate behavior and language of others.

Please submit resume to Gabriela Leon, Associate Director: gabrielal@apaitonline.org. No phone calls, please.