



AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA), one of the largest non-profit AIDS service organizations in the United States, provides bilingual direct services, prevention education and leadership on HIV/AIDS-related policy and legislation.

HIV/STD COUNSELOR

DIVISION: EDUCATION

OBJECTIVE:

The HIV/STD Counselor will provide culturally appropriate HIV/STD services.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provide pre/post test client-centered counseling.

Conduct HIV/STD risk assessments.

Provide HIV/STD risk reduction and prevention coaching/counseling.

Conduct blood draws.

Provide rapid HIV testing.

Provide linked referrals to Partner Counseling and Referral Services.

Assist individuals who test HIV positive access treatment.

Work closely with Prevention staff to provide appropriate prevention and treatment referrals and linkages.

Attend HIV/STD/hepatitis prevention counseling trainings offered locally and/or through the CDPH/OA to ensure that he/she is up-to-date and familiar with the most recent prevention counseling guidelines.

Provide referrals and linkages to substance use treatment and other mental health support programs.

Assist in the preparation of reports as requested.

Maintain HIV/STD testing records to ensure that all documentation required by funders and agency Quality Management Plan is on file.

OTHER DUTIES MAY BE ASSIGNED TO MEET BUSINESS NEEDS.

REQUIREMENTS:

Training and Experience:



High school diploma and/or successful completion of GED with a minimum of one year of experience in the HIV/AIDS field. Certified in HIV Rapid Testing and Phlebotomist. Counselor with at least 6 months providing HIV counseling with populations at high risk and experience providing HIV positive test results.

Knowledge of:

HIV/AIDS prevention; special issues relevant to gay and non-gay identified men of color; health education and behavior modification theory; human sexuality, substance abuse, STDs and HIV behavior change principles and strategies; effective communication skills; data management; general computer knowledge; community resources; health and social concerns of the diverse populations among gay and non-gay identified men of color and relative HIV risk reduction theory.

Ability to:

Work independently; work effectively with diverse staff; identify goals and objectives with respect to harm reduction; respond with sensitivity to diverse ethnic groups; design and implement program process and outcome evaluation; maintain confidentiality;

Knowledge of:

Spectrum of HIV disease; harm reduction theory; behavior modification theory; human sexuality, substance abuse (specifically crystal meth), motivational interviewing techniques; outreach strategies; data management; health and social concerns of diverse populations of men who have sex with men; HIV risk reduction theory; principles of social marketing; and venues where the target population congregates, including the Internet.

WORKING CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

This is primarily an office position that requires only occasional bending, reaching, stooping, lifting and moving of office materials weighing 25 pounds or less. Some driving (or other form of transportation) is also required. The position requires daily use of a personal computer and requires entering, viewing, and revising text and graphics on the computer terminal and on paper. Some weekend and weeknight hours required.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must possess a valid California driver's license; proof of auto liability insurance; and have the use of a personal vehicle for work-related purposes.

To apply, send resumes to:

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