WANTED: A versatile Bilingual (English/Spanish) Prevention Outreach Educator at ACT!

WHY WORK AT AIDS CONNECTICUT?

At AIDS Connecticut, we work with our member agencies to improve the lives of people impacted by HIV/AIDS through care and supportive services, housing assistance, advocacy, trainings and prevention. We are a non-profit organization that is passionate about our work and strive to lead through innovation, make measurable progress, collaborate for greater impact and respect the choices of our clients.

WHAT WILL YOU DO AS PREVENTION OUTREACH EDUCATOR?

You will do a lot! Most importantly, you will conduct outreach and deliver culturally appropriate risk reduction messages on the streets, in area shelters, at community-based organizations, at events, at the Connections Wellness Center and through the Syringe Services Program. You will maintain working relationships with priority populations, recruit participants for prevention and harm reduction interventions and refer individuals to supportive services.

But wait, there’s more! You will provide coverage for the Syringe Services Program, including exchanging syringes, data collection, naloxone distribution and education. You will also collect accurate activity data and enter that data into the agency’s data collection systems in a timely manner. If you are a certified HIV tester, you will also provide testing; if you’re not a certified tester, no worries—we will get you trained!

YOU MAY BE A GOOD FIT IF YOU:

- Believe in our mission and core values
- Are excited by the job duties
- Are fluent (speaking, reading, writing) in Spanish
- Have at least one year of outreach experience or BA/BS in Public Health or related field
- Are comfortable working in a sex positive environment where HIV/STIs, sexual behavior and prophylaxis are routinely discussed
- Have a non-judgmental attitude when working with people of diverse backgrounds and viewpoints
- Are comfortable talking with people of varying race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender orientation, socioeconomic status, etc. and with handing out condoms, lubricants, safer injection supplies, etc.
- Have excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Are a critical thinker, a problem solver, and resourceful
- Are creative, flexible, and able to work as part of a team
- Enjoy working in a fast paced environment
- Are organized and able to manage your time independently
- Are able to work occasional weekend and evening hours
- Are comfortable with compensation of $15/hour for a 35-hour work week
BONUS POINTS IF YOU:
• Have familiarity with priority populations including men who have sex with men (MSM), people who inject drugs (PWID), youth and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and their partners
• Have strong computer skills, including proficiency in the Microsoft Office Suite and experience with data entry
• Are a trained HIV tester
• Have a personal connection to AIDS Connecticut

WHAT WE OFFER FULL-TIME (35 hours per week) EMPLOYEES:
• Dedicated, diverse, and friendly co-workers
• 12 agency holidays
• Generous paid time off
• Agency-subsidized medical, dental, and vision coverage and 100% paid short-term/long-term/life insurance
• 403(b) retirement plan with employer match of 50% up to 3% of pay
• Free off-street parking

SOUND LIKE A GOOD FIT?

If so, please send your thoughtful cover letter and resume to apply@aids-ct.org with “Prevention Outreach Educator” in the subject line. Resumes received without a compelling personalized cover letter will not be considered. Candidates will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled. This is a non-exempt position. Due to the anticipated volume of responses, we will contact only those top candidates who most closely match our requirements.

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