



## Community Health Outreach Worker

### The Community Health Outreach Work (CHOW) Project

The Community Health Outreach Work (CHOW) Project is dedicated to serving individuals, families and communities adversely affected by drug use, especially people who inject drugs, through a participant-centered harm reduction approach. CHOW works to reduce drug-related harms such as but not limited to HIV, hepatitis B/C and overdose. CHOW supports the optimal health and well-being of people affected by drug use throughout the State of Hawai'i.

**SUMMARY OF POSITION:** Permanent, full-time (1 FTE) position with the CHOW Project located in Honolulu, Hawai'i. Salary is commensurate with experience. The outreach worker is responsible for conducting outreach, health education, linkage to treatment, HIV and hepatitis C counseling, testing and referral with CHOW participants.

**SCOPE OF POSITION: Reports to:** Program Manager

#### **MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Outreach Worker will provide a comprehensive system of services directly and through referral, Outreach Worker is expected to perform the highest quality and appropriate, participant-centered HIV and viral hepatitis prevention interventions and services. The Outreach Worker is expected to maintain a spirit of teamwork, and courtesy in all contacts and encounters. As needed, the Outreach Worker will assist with other departmental efforts as assigned to meet the needs of the organization.

#### **Health Education, Testing and Referrals**

- Provide HIV/AIDS, STD and viral hepatitis prevention education
- Discuss issues about general health of drug users, their partners, and families
- Decrease substance use related-harm through motivational enhancement (including providing linkage to treatment)
- Share information about community resources available, and successfully provide referrals (medical care, social services)
- Provide HIV/Hepatitis C counseling and testing
- Provide individual/group education interventions concerning harm reduction emphasizing in safer use practices and safe sexual practices, HIV/AIDS prevention, viral hepatitis prevention and STD/STI prevention.
- Share basic information concerning legal issues and challenges related to drug use
- Share practical demonstrations of safe use of female condoms, male condoms, dental dams, and lubrication.

#### **Outreach and Safer Sex and Drug Use Supplies**

- Engage community members on empowerment processes aimed mainly to reduce risks as active drug users and active sexual partners.
- Restock supplies as needed

#### **Administrative**

- Maintain van cleanliness and maintains service schedules
- Fill out daily log forms
- Fill out monthly field notes
- Participate in the development of alternative prevention strategies, after approval of direct supervisor and/or Executive Management.

## SKILLS REQUIRED AND/OR DESIRED

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. **Education:** High school degree required, Bachelor's degree preferred.
2. **Experience:** Experience in street outreach and harm reduction preferred.
3. **Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills:** Strong interpersonal, written, oral communication skills. Knowledge of HIV viral hepatitis prevention, certified HIV/HCV counselor preferred. Basic computer skills required, including Word. Knowledge of addiction and injection drug use a plus. Must have driver's license and clean driver's abstract. Non-judgmental and the ability to respect the knowledge, actions and feelings of others required.
4. **Physical and/or Medical Demands:** Need to be able to lift 30 pounds and pull 40 lb cart on daily basis.

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to:

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