Position: HIV Testing & Prevention Counselor
Department: Health Services
Reports to: Director of Health Services
Salary: $15.00/hour
Status: Full-Time

**Job Summary:**

The position of HIV Testing & Prevention Counselor will focus on establishing a strong outreach and engagement program geared toward young black LGBTQ people in Long Beach. As part of the Health Services Department this position will be focusing on promoting positive sexual health messaging geared towards young people of color who are impacted disproportionately by HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Key functions of this position include HIV testing, engaging young men who have sex with men (YMSM) in the greater Long Beach area and facilitating a social support group once a week. This position offers multiple opportunities for training and certifications in skills needed successfully engage, link and serve those at highest risk of HIV and STI infections. Some computer skills, including data collection and entry, are required but not mandatory. Multitasking and task oriented candidates, however, are encouraged to apply.

**Primary Responsibilities**

- Conduct outreach and engaging with black/African American youth
- Provide HIV counseling, testing, outreach and education for the Health Services Department
- Conduct rapid HIV tests and counseling as needed
- Assist in the preparation and disclosure of test results
- Participate in local community meetings on behalf of The Center, as needed
- Attend on-going trainings and continued education as needed
- Participate in local community events as needed
- Develop and maintain collaborative relationships with service providers working with Black YMSM
- Collaborate in recruitment and enrollment of Black YMSM in local research programs
- Facilitate a weekly social support group for Black YMSM focused on sexual health and harm reduction

*This position requires late evening and Saturday afternoon hours*

**Desired Experience and Skills**

- Experience in HIV education, testing, counseling or similar work (Preferred, not mandatory)
- Some knowledge of the HIV/STI epidemic in Los Angeles County and Long Beach
- Outstanding communication skills, including strong interpersonal skills
- Experience engaging communities of color, specifically Black gay, bisexual and/or queer men
- Demonstrated ability working in multicultural settings and awareness of issues impacting Black YMSM
- Computer skills and knowledge including MS Word, Outlook, Excel and other software
- Must be organized and task oriented
- Knowledgeable of local resources for HIV/STI care, mental health counseling, and culturally competent services
- Self-directed with experience working independently and within small teams
- Able to work in a fast pace environment with minimal supervision
- Must be able to adapt to new technologies and procedures related to health services

**Work Environment**

This position is primarily located at 2017 E. 4th Street, Long Beach, however, will require travel to outreach venues and work off-site, attend off-site meetings and participate in events at local colleges and universities and around the city of Long Beach. A portion of this job requires night outreach at clubs, bars and similar venues.

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TRAINING, EDUCATION AND LICENSURE:

- High School diploma or GED; college degree desired not required
- Education, training or certification in HIV basics, sexual health or STD prevention services
- Interest in Counseling, Social Work, Human Services or related field a plus.
- This position is full time with benefits and located in Long Beach between the following times:
  
  Weekdays  10:00am-7:00pm or 12:00pm-9:00pm and 3:00pm-12:00am (bi-weekly)
  
  Saturday  10:00am-7:00pm

We are looking for someone who works well in a high paced environment, is able to communicate with clients who are in need of individual counseling about various topics including sex, drugs, abuse, relationship stressors and social issues commonly seen in the LGBTQ community. We prefer a person who understands the difference between hearing and listening and has experience providing/conducting counseling sessions. Candidate must demonstrate an ability to speak comfortably about HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections, sex, substance use, injection drug use, transgender health and risk factors, young adults of color, women’s health and develop a unique, client centered behavior modification plan within a counseling session.

Some college or associate degree is helpful but not needed. At least one year of experience in community work or social services is necessary. Candidate should be willing to participate and pass trainings provided by the Los Angeles Department of Public Health's Division of HIV and STD Programs (off-site).

The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are encouraged from anyone regardless of their race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, marital status, religious creed, sexual orientation or age.

Please email a cover letter and resume attached to your email to Ismael Salamanca, Director of Health & Wellness Services

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