

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION**EON YOUTH LOUNGE
HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALIST
JOB DESCRIPTION**

Scope of Work: The Health Education Specialist is responsible for the day-to-day organization, programming, staffing of the Eon Youth Lounge and conducting community outreach. Eon's target population is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQQ) youth and their allies ages 13 –24. The Health Education Specialist is a part-time (30 hrs/wk) non-exempt position, and requires the ability to work very flexible hours, including evenings, late nights, weekends and some holidays.

Functional Responsibilities:

- Keeps current on HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, harm reduction/risk reduction models, substance abuse, and other health-related issues and serves as a resource to other agency and program staff on these topics.
- Staff the Eon youth lounge for LGBTQQ and allied youth ages 13-24.
- Maintain and create a safe and healthy culture/community in the Eon youth lounge.
- Co-facilitate new participant and new volunteer orientations.
- Organize activities that will engage the target population.
- Support participants in crisis, including survivors of violence, those with suicidal ideation, and who may be homeless/near-homelessness.
- Serves as a liaison with collaborating agencies and programs and conducts referrals for participants when necessary.
- Conducts outreach and recruitment at venues frequented by the target population.
- Provide health education, workshops, and one on one support and referrals to target population.
- Provides HIV rapid testing (finger-stick) and referral services.
- Provides HIV confirmatory testing (venipuncture), referral to services, and linkage to care.
- Assists in the development, delivery and tracking of targeted risk reduction social marketing and/or social media posts/campaigns.
- Gather and maintain accurate documentation of all activities and events using proper forms, files and databases.
- Attend all program, department and agency meetings and trainings as assigned.
- Work as a team member within the program, department and agency.
- Performs other duties as assigned.
- Reports to the Eon Program Manager.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Appropriate fingerprint clearance through the Arizona Department of Public Safety (paid for by SAAF).
- Demonstrate comprehension and appreciation of diverse cultures and the value of unique identities.

- Ability to work effectively with gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth, youth of color, and their peers.
- Ability to exercise and demonstrate compassion and non-judgment when working with program participants.
- Readiness to be trained (if needed) and to then perform required phlebotomy-related venipunctures for confirmatory testing.
- Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills.
- Access to a reliable vehicle, a valid AZ Driver's License and a driving record that will be supported by our liability insurance provider.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in social services or health-related field or 1 year work or volunteer experience in sexual health, HIV/AIDS prevention, substance abuse prevention, risk reduction/harm reduction techniques and/or other health-related issues.
- Bilingual (English/ Spanish).
- Phlebotomy or venipuncture training or experience.
- Responsible, dependable, energetic self-starter.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Demonstrate commitment to cultural competency.
- Teaching and/or group facilitation experience.
- Computer literate, especially familiarity with Microsoft Office software.

Compensation: Starting wage of \$15.00/hour; benefits include health, dental, and life insurance; long- and short-term disability insurance.

To apply: Submit letter of interest, resume with dates of employment, and names, addresses, and phone numbers of three professional references to: Director of HR, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 375 S Euclid Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719, email to hr@saaf.org or visit www.saaf.org.

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Start date: As soon as possible.