

JOB OPPORTUNITY: PEER TREATMENT COUNSELOR

The Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention (ASAAP) is an AIDS Service Organization committed to providing health promotion, care and support for self-identified South Asians living with, affected by and at-risk for HIV and AIDS.

We are seeking a full-time Peer Treatment Counselor to lead ASAAP's 'Connecting to Care' program. The successful candidate will work with South Asians Living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs) and service providers to provide essential health and support services.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

PHA Support and Engagement:

- Provide ongoing case management for ASAAP's PHA clients and deliver key services such as peer counseling, treatment support and practical assistance
- Plan and facilitate a monthly program support space to increase peer engagement and access to relevant health information
- Accompany clients to appointments and/or related service meetings with medical staff when necessary and in accordance with ASAAP policies
- Coordinate four (4) health information workshops each year on appropriate health topics
- Communicate with clients on a regular basis to ensure we are connecting clients to opportunities, knowledge and to document relevant trends in service
- Coordinate a Project Advisory Committee with partners and community members to inform the future development of the program

Resource Development:

- Develop multilingual health resources on topics relevant to ASAAP's client community
- Develop and disseminate a monthly client newsletter
- Keep updated and knowledgeable of new developments in HIV treatments and management strategies

General:

- Build and strengthen relationships with service providers in the health and social service fields and represent ASAAP on relevant advisory committees and networks
- Monitor, track and report project outputs and outcomes through OCASE and OCHART
- Collaborate with support staff and other program areas at ASAAP to enhance client service
- Work in accordance with ASAAP's PHA policies in all aspects of program delivery
- Assist with agency-wide activities where and when possible

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Lived experience, understanding and knowledge of the complex issues relating to HIV/AIDS, especially within the South Asian cultural context
- Thorough understanding of GIPA/MIPA (Greater and Meaningful involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS) and its application in service delivery
- Previous experience working in HIV, AIDS and/or sexual health work environments with proven ability to take initiative and develop creative approaches to programming
- Thorough understanding of confidentiality needs and privacy of health information
- Understanding of Social Determinants of Health as related to access to services, treatment and well-being
- Excellent facilitation, communications, interpersonal and relationship building skills
- Demonstrated ability to work with diverse networks and community groups
- Demonstrated ability to exercise sound judgment, discretion, and tact
- Proven commitment to working in an anti-oppressive framework
- Communication skills in one or more South Asian languages is a strong asset

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| Internal Deadline: | July 04 2014 | Start Date: | Immediate Start |
| Pay and Benefits: | \$20.30/hour + benefits | Hours: | 35hrs/week, occasional evening and weekend work |
| How to Apply: | Please send your resume and cover letter to info@asaap.ca | Union: | This is a unionized position with CUPE Local 3697 |

ASAAP is committed to employment equity and encourages people living with HIV/AIDS, newcomers, women and members of LGBTQ communities to apply and self-identify. *Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.*