

AIDS VANCOUVER ISLAND JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE:	North Island Youth Peer Outreach Worker – Courtenay/Campbell River- Part time, 16 hrs per week
DEPARTMENT:	Health Promotion and Community Development
SUPERVISOR:	Manager, Courtenay Regional offices.
BARGAINING UNIT:	Health Services & Support Community Subsector Association
CLASSIFICATION:	Grid 10

JOB SUMMARY

Under the direct supervision of the Manager of the Courtenay regional office, the North Island Youth Peer Outreach Worker provides and coordinates community based education and support for high-risk youth regarding HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, safer sex and substance use, homophobia/heterosexism and sexual decision-making to a variety of audiences in the North Island Health Region as a means of increasing youth-at-risk awareness of HIV, HCV, STIs and peer/ community support, and reducing the further incidence of HIV and related blood-borne illnesses among high-risk youth.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Participates in the design and delivery of youth peer helper training on a variety of topics: HIV/AIDS, HCV, STIs, prevention, testing and treatment, safer sex and substance use, and peer support, to high-risk and other youth participants of the Youth At Risk project.
2. Assists with the facilitation of presentations and workshops providing HIV/AIDS prevention education information, harm reduction and sexual decision making to general and alternate school and community based audiences.
3. In consultation with the Regional Educator, orders and/or creates, collates and distributes educational materials and safer sex packs to youth-at-risk and youth partner agencies.
4. Provides weekly outreach, education and healthcare/social service navigation support to high-risk youth in Courtenay region, as well as outreach support to youth-at-risk on Denman and Hornby Islands.
5. Liaises with community-based organizations, regarding issues related to HIV, HCV, STIs, safer sex and substance use for youth.

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6. Assists in the coordination of the “Love Shack” youth peer event outreach program and youth team: this includes volunteer recruitment, training and mentorship; co-ordination and booking of event outreach; order and coordinate food, tents, audio visual equipment on the day of the event, etc.
7. Participates in the evaluation and reporting of program activities as needed.
8. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

- University degree in health or social sciences
- Minimum 1 year working with youth-at-risk
- OR equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Due to position being a peer outreach position, youth applicants between the ages of 19-29 are preferred.
- Employment subject to criminal record check for working with vulnerable populations.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Strong public speaking and group facilitation skills
- Excellent understanding of youth health, HIV/AIDS, STDS and Hepatitis (transmission, prevention, treatment, psycho-social issues, etc), safer sex and substance use strategies, homophobia/heterosexism/transphobia, population health and health promotion strategies.
- Excellent communication, time management and organizational skills.
- Strong community development and program management skills.
- Experience working with volunteers.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Good computer skills, including databases and word-processing.
- Knowledge and experience working with marginalized communities an asset.
- BCDL and access to own vehicle assets.

Applicants are asked to send 1 file including a resume and cover letter outlining their qualifications to:

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Deadline for applications is Friday, July 18th, 2014 at 4pm.