



Harm Reduction Specialist (RN) Hudson Valley Community Services

Job Snapshot

Location: Monticello, NY
Employee Type: Full-Time
Industry: Social Services Not for Profit - Charitable
Healthcare - Health Services
Manages Others: Yes
Job Type: Nonprofit - Social Services Health Care
Travel: Up to 25%
Education: RN License
Experience: At least 3 year(s)

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Description

This position can be one full time position at 35 hrs per week (yearly salary is \$65,000) or two part time positions 17.5 hrs per week (the part time positions salary would be \$32,500 per year)

Under the supervision of the Drug User Health Hub Program Supervisor, the Harm Reduction Specialist is responsible for the activities of the program in Sullivan County. Responsibilities include identifying and linking injection drug users to harm reduction services offered by the program, providing wound care and communicating client needs with Medical Doctor. The Harm Reduction Specialist offers referrals to medical and drug treatment and social services and conducts HIV / HCV counseling and testing. Engaging and retaining consumers in treatment is the highest priority of the program. The Harm Reduction Specialist will ensure services are trauma-informed, based on a harm reduction model and culturally responsive to produce positive outcomes for clients. This full-time position is based in Sullivan and may entail travel to meet with clients and providers.

- Conduct harm reduction interventions with injection drug users.
- Promote accessibility and availability of buprenorphine.
- Conduct overdose aftercare and prevention, safer injection counseling, crisis intervention, and relapse prevention.
- Provide basic wound care and medical assessments necessary for program participants.
- Complete comprehensive assessment and action plan to obtain information to provide interventions required to promote progress towards recovery.
- Provide individual risk reduction sessions, referrals and referral follow-up to substance use treatment, benefits, medical treatment, and HIV/HCV/STD services where applicable.
- Utilize motivational interviewing techniques to align with clients and help inspire change
- Collect and enter data into the AIDS Institute Reporting System (AIRS) and Electronic Health Record (EHR).
- Participate in training, treatment updates and program development activities.
- Attend weekly program and supervision meetings with the program supervisor and department meetings twice per year.
- Perform other relevant duties as assigned.

Requirements

Certification as a Registered Nurse

1 year of experience working with substance users; outreach, knowledge of HIV/STIs and HCV, harm reduction, mental health and/or community resources. Bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred, Must have a valid, unrestricted driver's license and independent means of transportation for frequent travel to locations throughout the assigned county as well as to the offices of Hudson Valley Community Services ("HVCS").