

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION
PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNSHIP
SYRINGE ACCESS PROGRAM
INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

Scope of Work: The Syringe Access Program (SAP) Intern works closely with the Associate Director of Prevention Services and other SAAF staff to support program activities and experience the delivery of a harm reduction focused public health strategy. SAP serves people who inject drugs (PWID) with the distribution of sterile syringes and other safer injection equipment, the collection of used syringes for safe disposal, overdose and disease prevention education, HIV and viral hepatitis C rapid testing, and linkage to care and treatment. The SAP internship provides an opportunity to observe all aspects of the project and tailor your experiential learning. This position will require working with individuals of diverse backgrounds and life experiences. The individual selected for this internship must be able to work very flexible hours, including evenings.

Functional Responsibilities:

- Keeps current on best practices for syringe services programs, harm reduction/risk reduction models, substance abuse, and other health-related issues.
- Enters project data including daily logs and client intake forms into existing databases.
- Conducts basic analysis including descriptive and summary statistics of daily logs and intake forms.
- Keeps collected data up-to-date and assists in preparing project output numbers for reports to funder.
- Conducts syringe distribution to project clients and related services during regularly scheduled hours.
- Assists clients at enrollment in completing the intake form, orienting to the services, identifying needs, and any immediate referrals.
- Assists project staff in providing overdoes prevention education and distribution of naloxone kits for reversal of opioid related overdoses.
- Assists project staff in overseeing and coordinating volunteers' schedules and duties.
- Assists with stocking and inventory of supplies.
- Attends professional development trainings when available.
- Attends project, agency, and department meetings at SAAF.
- Serves as a representative from SAAF for community events and committees as needed.
- Works as a team member with other SAAF staff supporting all prevention projects as needed.
- Reports to the Associate Director of Prevention Services.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Demonstrate a comprehension and appreciation of diverse and complex cultures.
- Ability to exercise and demonstrate compassion and non-judgment when working with program participants.
- Responsible, dependable, energetic self-starter who is able to work independently as well as in a team environment.
- Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills.

To apply: Submit letter of interest and resume with dates of availability to: Associate Director of Prevention Services, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 375 S Euclid Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719, email to jrivera@saaf.org.

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Start date: As soon as possible.