

Position: Public Health Nurse-Syringe Access Program

Basic Qualifications:

- BSN and 2 years of nursing experience
- Active RN license in the state of Ohio
- Strong computer skills
- Knowledge of modern medical procedures and protocols
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Able to lift 30 pounds
- Able to operate in a variety of venues and environments when delivering services

Preferred Qualifications

- Advanced degree
- Experience in mental health, substance abuse, addiction services
- Experience in promoting evidence-based practice, education, and research
- Previous public health nursing experience
- LCDC-1 License

Responsibilities:

1	Preparing and maintaining client records through the entry of accurate and appropriate information into the anonymous electronic database.
2	Help clients to obtain appropriate medical and social assistance; teach and counsel clients and families; act as an advocate to promote better life choices
3	Perform outreach functions, attend interagency meetings as assigned, and work collaboratively with all community agencies to promote harm reduction practices and principals for PWID.
4	Performing initial intake/client assessment by acquiring health and social histories, performing routine HIV and Hepatitis C testing, counseling clients, and making appropriate referrals.
5	Educating PWID on the importance of employing safe injection practices and utilizing sterile injection equipment in order to minimize harm to self and disease transmission through blood-borne pathogens.
6	Educating clients on health issues related to injecting drugs and the services available to assist with improving or enhancing the personal health of the client(s).
7	Strictly adherence to all Federal, State and Local laws, regulations, rules and/or guidelines including HIPAA regulations as well as all grant requirements, where applicable.
8	Evaluation of outcomes of public health nursing interventions; work with others (clients and other professionals) to make changes as necessary.
9	Promoting safe sexual practices and the use of condoms to reduce the risk of HIV and other STI transmission.
10	Promoting evidence-based practice, maintain best practices, and determine and maintaining essential Public Health Nurse competencies.
11	Establishing and implementing community education, outreach, and recruitment of PWID
12	Collaborating with drug treatment facilities, mental health agencies, and other services in order to expedite linkages and referrals for PWID
13	Actively seek out additional sites for the SAP activities
14	Administration of hepatitis A and B immunizations
15	Identification of soft tissue infections common with PWID
16	Demonstrating a sensitivity to and interest in and competence in cultural differences, injection drug use, HIV/AIDS prevention, sexual practices, and the LBGTQ community.
17	Must maintain Continuing Education Credits for cultural competency and harm reduction

Please email or mail cover letter and resume to:

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