

## **SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION**

### **EON YOUTH LOUNGE SENIOR HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALIST JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Scope of Work:** The Eon Senior Health Education Specialist is responsible for day-to-day organization and staffing of the Eon Youth Lounge – a drop-in center for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQQ) youth and their allies ages 13 –24. Works closely with the Program Manager and the TLC4 team. The Eon Senior Health Education Specialist is responsible for organization and presentation of program activities including and conducting community outreach. The Eon Senior Health Education Specialist is a full-time (40 hrs/wk) non-exempt position based at SAAF’s Thornhill Lopez Center on 4<sup>th</sup> (TLC4). This position requires the ability to work very flexible hours, including evenings, late nights, weekends, and holidays.

#### **Functional Responsibilities:**

- Staff the Eon youth lounge for LGBTQQ and allied youth ages 13-24 and providing referrals and supporting linkages to services. Staffing Eon lounge includes involvement in implementation and creation of programming, as well as facilitating programming.
- Maintain and create a safe and healthy culture/community in the Eon youth lounge.
- Co-facilitate new participant and new volunteer orientations.
- Organize activities that will engage the target population.
- Support participants in crisis, including survivors of violence, those with suicidal ideation, and who may be homeless/near-homelessness.
- Serves as a liaison with collaborating agencies and programs and conducts referrals for participants when necessary.
- Conducts outreach and recruitment at venues frequented by the target population.
- Assists in the coordination and training of Eon youth lounge volunteers.
- Provide health education, workshops, and one on one support and referrals to target population.
- Keeps current on LGBTQ health-related issues, HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, harm reduction/risk reduction models, substance abuse, and other health-related issues and serves as a resource to other agency and program staff on these topics.
- Provide HIV and Hepatitis C rapid and/or confirmatory testing using rapid testing technologies and venipuncture (blood draw) services, referral to services, and linkage to care.
- Assists in the development, delivery and tracking of targeted risk reduction social marketing and/or social media posts/campaigns.
- Gather and maintain accurate documentation of all activities and events using proper forms, files, and databases.
- Assist with compiling and drafting program reports.
- Attend all program, department and agency meetings and trainings as assigned.
- Work collaboratively within the Prevention and Care Services Departments, including but not limited to covering shifts for HIV/HCV testing, Syringe Access, Community Education, and/or assisting with unloading food pantry items, programmatic support, etc.
- Performs other duties as assigned.
- Reports to the Youth Services Manager.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Bachelor’s degree in social services or health-related field or 1 year’s work or volunteer direct service delivery experience in the areas of HIV/AIDS, behavioral health, or social services health-related field
- Appropriate fingerprint clearance through the Arizona Department of Public Safety (paid for by SAAF).
- Ability to exercise and demonstrate compassion and non-judgment when working with program participants.
- Demonstrate comprehension and appreciation of diverse cultures and the value of unique identities.
- Ability to work effectively with gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth, youth of color, youth experiencing homelessness, and their peers.
- Readiness to be trained (if needed) and to then perform required phlebotomy- related venipunctures for confirmatory testing
- 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.
- Access to a reliable vehicle, a valid AZ Driver’s License and a driving record that will be supported by our liability insurance provider.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Knowledge of and work history with programs serving LGBTQ communities.
- Teaching and/or group facilitation experience.
- Bilingual English/Spanish.
- Computer literate, especially familiarity with Microsoft Office software.

**Compensation:** Starting range \$17.09 - \$20.67/hour, DOE; benefits include health, dental, and life insurance; long- and short-term disability insurance, 401k retirement with matching.

**To Apply:** Submit letter of interest, resume with dates of employment, and names, addresses, and phone numbers of three professional references to the Director of HR, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 375 S. Euclid Ave., Tucson, AZ, 85719, e-mail to [hr@saaf.org](mailto:hr@saaf.org) or visit [www.saaf.org](http://www.saaf.org). Open until filled.

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People who use (or used to use) drugs, current or former sex workers, people of color, women, members of the LGBTQIA communities, those who have experienced housing insecurity, people who have received harm reduction services, and people living with HIV/AIDS and/or hepatitis C are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Start Date:** As soon as possible