

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION**  
**SENIOR HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALIST**  
**SAMHSA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM**  
**JOB DESCRIPTION**

Scope of Work: The Senior Health Education Specialist is responsible for day-to-day organization and presentation of the SAMHSA Substance Abuse Prevention program activities. The primary purpose of the SAMHSA Substance Abuse Prevention Program is to provide comprehensive substance abuse prevention and education services to youth and young adults, including youth of color, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) youth, and straight allied youth in Pima County. The Senior Health Education Specialist works with the Youth Prevention Coordinator to design, implement, and evaluate the program activities.

The Senior Health Education Specialist is a full time, 40 hours per week, non-exempt position. The individual hired must be able to work very flexible hours, including evenings, late nights, weekends, and some holidays.

**Functional Responsibilities:**

- Maintain collaborations with program partners, schools, and other community-based organizations.
- Implements evidence-based interventions promoting positive life skills development, provides substance misuse and HIV prevention education to youth and young adults.
- Keeps current on harm reduction/risk reduction models, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, and other health-related issues and serves as a resource to other agency and program staff on these topics.
- Works collaboratively with the LGBTQ+ department team to enhance delivery of program activities.
- Provides *Botvin Life Skills* and other evidence-based interventions to youth and young adults, acts as a liaison to community sites, administers and tracks evaluation instruments, and conducts outreach activities to promote the social marketing campaign.
- Assists in the development and implementation of targeted risk reduction social marketing and/or social media campaigns for LGBTQ young adults.
- Provides health education, workshops, and one on one support and referrals to target population.
- Supports the Prevention Capacity and Infrastructure Development and *SAAF Prevention Coalition* activities.
- Provides support to the youth substance use *SAAF Prevention Coalition*.
- Provides workshops addressing harm reduction, substance use and abuse along with related topics to professionals and community members who work with youth and young adults at risk.
- Conducts outreach and recruitment for project activities in the community at venues frequented by the target population.
- Responsible for completing and gathering accurate documentation of all activities and events using proper forms, files, and databases.
- Responsible for accurate and complete data entry and monitoring supply inventories.
- Ensures accurate program data collection and timely reporting for funding sources.
- Assists with compiling and drafting program reports.
- Serves as a representative from SAAF for community events and committees as needed.

- Attends all program, agency, and department meetings at SAAF as directed.
- Works collaboratively within the Prevention and Care Services Departments, including but not limited to covering shifts for HIV/HCV testing, Eon Lounge, Syringe Access and/or assisting with unloading food pantry items, programmatic support, etc.
- Performs other duties as assigned.
- Reports to the Youth Prevention Coordinator.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in social services or health-related field – OR – 2 years of work or volunteer direct service delivery experience in the areas of substance use/misuse/abuse prevention, behavioral health, education, or social services related field.
- Appropriate fingerprint clearance through the Arizona Department of Public Safety (paid for by SAAF).
- Demonstrate a comprehension and appreciation of diverse and complex cultures including LGBTQ youth, youth of color, and other youth risk and protective factors.
- Ability to exercise and demonstrate compassion and non-judgment when working with program participants.
- Readiness to be trained (if needed) and to then perform required phlebotomy-related venipunctures for confirmatory testing.
- Responsible, dependable, energetic self-starter who can 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.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office Software.
- Previous work experience with youth and/ or previous experience with group facilitation and curriculum delivery.
- Knowledge of STI, HIV/AIDS, prescription drug & alcohol substance use prevention and substance abuse treatment services.
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination, with the possibility of applicable and approved exemption accommodation request.

**Compensation:** Wage range is \$17.09-\$20.67 per hour, DOE; benefits include health, dental, and life insurance; long- and short-term disability insurance.

**To apply:** Submit letter of interest and resume with dates of employment to Director of People and Culture, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 375 S Euclid Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719, email to [hr@saaf.org](mailto:hr@saaf.org) or visit [www.saaf.org](http://www.saaf.org).

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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.