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These positions are supported by funding from the Foundation for Public Health New York City (FPHNYC) Integrating Substance Use Harm Reduction into Outreach to People Experiencing Homelessness (IHARP) initiative through a two-year award commencing July 1, 2023.

**Report to: Yvonne Soto,
Director of Special Projects**

IHARP Peer Role & Responsibilities

The ideal candidate will work closely with Exponents' outreach peer workforce and the Director of Special Projects in the development of weekly peer schedules including trainings, virtual and in-person outreach & engagement and community event attendance/participation. Successful candidates will participate in all efforts regarding the identification and assessment of potential new venues and participate in our semi-annual community discovery process.

Primary Responsibilities

Engagement of persons who are experiencing homelessness (PeH) include individuals residing in NYC DSS-DHS homeless shelters or in temporary housing, individuals deemed to be experiencing unsheltered homelessness (sometimes described as "street homelessness"), as well as individuals without a fixed address in geographical areas of NYC with high rates of drug overdose and substance use-related concerns, as determined by the most recent NYC overdose mortality data, available here.

Respectful and culturally responsive provision of services to marginalized populations of PEH (e.g., people of color, women, people who are pregnant, youth, people with disabilities, people involved in sex work, people who identify as LGBTQIA+).

Additional Responsibilities

- Work with the Director of Special Projects to ensure staff/peer participation in all training and capacity building assistance activities supported by the FPHNYC and the NYCDoHMH.
- Through observation and engagement, provide recommendations on additional trainings;
- Provide weekly reports on all program interactions related to IHARP activities;
- Provide overdose risk reduction messaging and safer drug use tips
- Discuss options for and connect to drug-checking services in NYC
- Offer individualized overdose safety planning

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- Discuss and connect to Syringe Service Programs (SSPs) for relevant services
- Refer to a geographically convenient SSP or Second-Tier Syringe Exchange Program (STSEP) for safer drug use supplies (e.g., sterile smoking and injection equipment)
- Provide resources for syringe disposal
- Discuss and connect to Overdose Prevention Centers (OPCs)
- Distribute naloxone, fentanyl testing strips, safer injection and smoking kits to individuals from the community of focus in need;

Requirements

- Participate in mandatory peer support meetings and in-person training sessions on best practices in syringe service program and harm reduction and engagement of PeH including those living within encampments;
- Flexible work hours including some late nights and weekends; maximum of 15 hours a Week;
- Completion (or willingness to complete as a condition of continued employment) of the ARRIVE training (post 2012);
- Comfort engaging PeH who dwell in encampments and shelters; and,
- Ability to engage PeH in a non-judgmental and compassionate manner

COMPENSATION

- \$ \$15/hrly with a maximum of 15hours weekly.

Exponents is an equal opportunity employer and encourages individuals with lived experience with homelessness and/or drug use to apply.