

**Servant Leadership Summer Internship Placement Site
Job Description Information Sheet
Summer 2010**

Organization Name: Atlanta Harm Reduction Center, Inc.

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Organization's Mission Statement:

The Atlanta Harm Reduction Center, Inc. is a community-based prevention & wellness organization committed to improving the overall health and wellbeing of marginalized individuals and communities. AHRC provides health education and tiered risk reduction programs which empower adults in prevention, diagnosis and, treatment of; substance use, HIV/AIDS, STDs, hepatitis, and other communicable diseases.

Summary of organization's primary programs and services:

Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, Inc.

Target Population Injection Drug Users People at High Risk – HIV, STDs/STIs, Viral Hepatitis, Other health conditions Marginalized Communities
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Tier Program 2009

**Stages of
Transition
Empowerment for
People
Success**

Tier #1: Prevention Point

Pre-contemplation

- Syringe Exchange
- Safer Drug Use Kits (bleach, cookers, citric/ascorbic acid, etc.)
- Condoms
- Bread, Pastries and Water

Tier #2: Healthy Outcomes

Contemplation

- Educational and Support Groups
Women's Group, Men's Group, HIV 101 Group, Substance Use Management & Drug Education Group, Viral Hepatitis & More Group, Keeping It Real/Get Real Group
- Testing and Counseling for:
 - HIV
 - TB (Tuberculosis)
 - Syphilis

Services in multiple tiers
Showers with Hygiene Kits
Clothing Closet

In collaboration with other organizations

- Wellness Exams
- Dental Care
- Hepatitis A & B vaccines

Tier #3: Safety Counts

Preparation

- Behavioral Intervention including
- Goal Setting
 - Counseling
 - Socials and Incentives

Tier #4: Linkage to Treatment

Action

- Placement into
- Inpatient and Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment
 - Case Management
 - Medical Services
 - Methadone and Buprenorphine Treatment

Tier #5: Life Links

Maintenance

- Linkage to Employment
- Linkage to Housing

Intern's title:

Programs Development & Implementation

Internship project/job description:

Candidate will have an interest in developing risk reduction interventions and/or activities that will affect behavioral changes within marginalized individuals who are actively using drugs. The candidate will have an interest in grant research, data collection, community needs assessments, and developing activities that will decrease the risk/harms associated with drug use. Candidate will have an interest in shaping public opinion and education about stigma as it relates to needle exchange, HIV Prevention, and people living with AIDS. Candidate will utilize the core values and principles of Servant Leadership to help identify and develop staffing needs. Candidate will have an interest in working in an environment/community that in dire need of revitalization and servicing individuals that are impoverished, underserved, and uninsured. Candidate will adopt the team concept in providing quality services to a unique population. Candidate will have and/or be willing to learn leadership skills that will support, motivate, and encourage staff / volunteers as they do their work. Candidate will have an interest in policy reform and participate in advocacy efforts.

Qualifications: Minimum undergrad degree or (in process of obtaining)

Candidates with background or interest in Public Health, Sociology, Psychology, Social work, Human Services, and Health Law are encouraged to apply. Candidate must have a genuine interest in working with an organization that uses Harm Reduction as a Public Health Model to combat harmful effects of drug use.

Other requirements for position (security check, drug screen, immunizations)

Will the internship require that the student have a car?

No car is required; public transportation is available if student needs a car for transportation to-from the site.

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?

Yes

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