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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.
Tier Program 2009

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 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
  In collaboration with other organizations

  Services in multiple tiers
  - Showers with Hygiene Kits
  - Clothing Closet

- 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 Buphernorphine Treatment

Tier #5: Life Links
Maintenance
- Linkage to Employment
- Linkage to Housing

Intern’s title:
Prevention Specialist

Number of interns
Requested by this organization? One Intern—however we will consider two if the second candidate has a genuine interest in working with us

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 is 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 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:
TB skin test & Hepatitis A & B vaccinations (Employer will provide these screenings at no charge to the Intern).  

Will the internship require that the student have a car?
No car is required; public transportation is available if the student has a car we encourage them to drive to/from the site.

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?
Yes, Marta is available...