

**Servant Leadership Summer Internship Placement Site
Job Description Information Sheet
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Organization Name: Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, INC

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Organization's Mission Statement: AHRC is a community-based wellness organization committed to promoting health and dignity by reducing the impact of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, STI, and Substance Use within vulnerable communities.

Summary of organization's primary programs and services:

Harm Reduction: Harm Reduction is the process of reducing harmful actions involving different human behaviors. The Harm Reduction philosophy is a nonjudgmental approach that allows AHRC to meet individuals "where they are" so we can identify and *reduce the harm* associated with their situations, such as substance abuse, injection drug use, sex work and other marginalizing conditions. Using this approach, we accept and work with people "as they are," which allows us to *help people live healthier lives* by tailoring specific risk-reduction plans based on an individual's specific lifestyle, related (self-identified) risks and reasonable (self-set) goals. The process of

harm reduction involves six different stages. These stages are pre-contemplation, contemplation, taking action, maintenance, termination, and relapse.

HIV and HCV Screening and Linkage: AHRC's HIV and HCV Department provides services at no charge and connects you with the best care in Atlanta. Services are anonymous, non-judgmental, and fast. Services include: Testing and Counseling, Linkage to medical, Essential, Support, and Medication Services, Help with Transportation if needed, Support Groups, and Supplies (e.g. Condoms, needles).

Advocacy: AHRC uses advocacy to reach out to the general population, decision makers, and health and government officials to provide them education in the field of harm reduction. Furthermore, through research, AHRC attempts to pass bills and change laws that will help its target population live healthier lives.

Intern's title: Prevention Specialist

Number of interns requested: 1

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: Candidates for Bachelors and Masters degrees are considered. Candidates with background or interest in Public Health, Medicine, 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.

Are there other requirements for this position (security check, drug screen, immunizations, etc.)? If yes, please note them here: Interns are expected to attend orientation at the beginning of their internships.

Will the internship require that the student have a car? No

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