

General Outreach

Supervisor: Outreach Worker

Level: General Outreach is ranked as a **Tier 3 position** (See brochures for details on Tiers)

Position Description: The volunteer will support the Outreach worker with activities directed towards street-involved adults and at-risk youth.

Objective: The Outreach program utilizes a harm reduction approach to assist street involved adults and at risk youth to improve their quality of life.

Time Commitment:

- Volunteers must be available to attend at least one outreach shift a month
- Outreach times vary and schedule must be discussed with the Outreach worker

Responsibilities:

- Assist in the preparation of awareness materials and condom packs
- Educate street-involved adults and at-risk youth and act as a resource on the transmission and prevention of all sexually transmitted infections
- Attend community events directed towards the at-risk and street-involved population
- Participate in supervision meetings with the Outreach worker
- Respect AIDS Calgary Awareness Association's confidentiality policy and represent AIDS Calgary in a professional and respectful manner while working with the community

Qualifications:

- Must be over 18 years old. Experience in this field is an asset
- Volunteer should feel comfortable talking about sexuality, HIV/AIDS and sexually related issues in a wide range of settings
- Volunteer should be familiar with the harm reduction philosophy and be respectful of people from all walks of life
- Candidate will have excellent listening and communication skills
- Must be comfortable speaking to groups and approaching strangers

Training:

All volunteers will complete Core Training which includes the following courses:

- Challenging Stereotypes
- Safer Sex & HIV/AIDS (must be done annually)
- Living with HIV/AIDS

Outreach volunteers will also complete:

- Client Services Training

Benefits:

- Volunteer hours and participation will be tracked and can be provided by the Volunteer Program Coordinator for various purposes required by the volunteer, such as post-secondary applications or work references (after completing 30 hours of volunteering)
- Opportunity to develop public speaking skills

- Opportunity to be involved with Special Projects within the program involving research and program development, etc.
- The volunteer will benefit from current information about harm reduction, sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS
- Invitations to volunteer appreciation events, special agency events or workshops, and community celebrations
- Receive the AIDS Calgary newsletter and Volunteer newsletter
- Volunteer can participate in the Annual General Meeting

Application Requirements:

- Submit a volunteer application
- Interview with the Volunteer Program Coordinator
- AIDS Calgary will conduct a Police Background Check
- Two telephone reference checks will be completed
- Read and sign a Volunteer Contract and Oath of Confidentiality

** All volunteers will participate in a 3 month evaluation with the volunteer supervisor and an annual evaluation with the Volunteer Program Coordinator.

Questions? Interested in being an AIDS Calgary Volunteer?

Contact us:

volunteer@aidscalgary.org

(403) 508-2500

Or download the application form from our website

<http://www.aidscalgary.org/getInvolved/volunteer.shtml>