

HEAT Outreach

Supervisor: HEAT Outreach Worker

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

Position Description: The volunteer will support the HEAT worker with outreach activities directed towards men who have sex with men (MSM), as well as assist with preparation for events led by the HEAT program.

Objective: The HEAT program utilizes a harm reduction approach to assist the MSM community with the prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

Time Commitment:

- Volunteers must be available to attend at least one outreach shift a month
- Event times vary, but are generally held in the evening or on weekends

Responsibilities:

- Assist in the preparation of awareness materials and condom packs
- Educate those involved in the MSM community and act as a resource about the transmission and prevention of all sexually transmitted infections
- Participate in supervision meetings with the HEAT 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 in the MSM community
- Candidate will have excellent listening and communication skills
- Must be comfortable attending MSM and GLBT events, 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

HEAT volunteers will also complete:

- HEAT Program 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:

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(403) 508-2500

Or download the application form from our website

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