

**JOB TITLE**

**Intravenous Drug Users Health Services Worker  
(IDUHS Worker)**

**VOLUNTEER DEPT.  
CONTACT PERSON**

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**COMMITMENT**

Minimum 5.5 hours per week for 6 months

**PURPOSE**

To provide syringe exchange and HIV/Hepatitis C prevention and safer injection education for people who inject drugs. Volunteers report to IDU HS Program Assistant and Coordinator

**PROGRAM**

**IDU Health Services**

**DUTIES**

- Exchange syringes and other harm reduction supplies with program participants
- Communicate harm reduction health messages and engage in discussion with participants about their health
- Ensure that necessary supplies are available for clients
- Produce and distribute Syringe Exchange supplies
- Ensure that clients meet eligibility requirements
- Adhere to requirements for tracking statistical information
- Provide respectful, non-judgmental harm reduction support and intervention
- Remain up-to-date with medical information on HIV, hepatitis, various sexually transmitted infections, and injection related disease prevention
- Support the goals of the program and of the agency
- Assume other duties as requested by IDUHS Program Assistant or Manager

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Knowledge of issues and interventions used in harm reduction, HIV & Hepatitis C prevention and alcohol and drug treatment
- Experience working people who are active in their addictions to drugs and/or alcohol
- A working understanding of issues involved in street culture, hustling/prostitution and substance use, particularly injection drug use
- Experience with active listening skills
- Good communication skills, both written and oral
- Experience implementing professional boundaries in challenging situations
- Ability to work respectfully with people from diverse ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, with homeless adults and sexual minority adults
- Ability to be dependable, reliable and on time for shifts
- Computer literate

**REQUIRED  
TRAININGS**

- Complete computerized HIPAA training **prior to starting**
- New Worker Orientation
- Blood Borne Pathogens training

**RECOMMENDED  
TRAININGS**

- De-Escalation Training II
- CPR/First Aid - **minimal fee**