

US HELPING US PEOPLE INTO LIVING

Peer Outreach Specialist

Organizational Summary:

Us Helping Us is a rapidly growing and mission-driven nonprofit. For the past 30 years, we have provided innovative programs and services to improve the health and wellbeing of racial, sexual orientation and gender minorities, people living with HIV/AIDS, and persons with substance abuse disorders and mental illness. As it exists today, we currently operate two office locations in the greater Washington, DC area and offer a variety of clinical, behavioral/mental health and social support services in a trusting, compassionate and non-judgmental environment. We are currently hiring for a TGNC, **Peer Outreach Specialist** and are looking for an energetic, independently motivated and committed person to fill this position. This is for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming youth, 18-24, who are homeless or at risk for homelessness.

Position Summary:

The **Peer Outreach Specialist**, under the supervision of the Program Coordinator will manage multiple programs, projects, services, and activities at our office location in Washington, DC (near the Petworth Metro Station) or Prince George's County, Maryland (near the New Carrollton Metro Station) and ensure that each of these projects, services, and activities complement each other and align with the overall business goals, objectives and deliverables.

Specifically, the **Peer Outreach Specialist**, after thorough training, will manage the planning, implementation and evaluation of the projects, services and activities offered, including but not limited to, clinical services (e.g., comprehensive health screening, PrEP, STI treatment), mental/behavioral health, case management (clinical, non-medical and housing), and community-based outreach, education, and advocacy. In particular, Us Helping Us is building capacity to serve all youth experiencing homelessness in the District, especially, resources for Transgender, Non-Conforming, Non-Binary and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) identifying youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness ages eighteen (18) through twenty-four (24).

Reporting to the Program Coordinator, the Peer Outreach Specialist will have the following responsibilities:

- Participate in the design and preparation of activities, events and services for Transgender, Non-Conforming, Non-Binary and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) identifying youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness ages eighteen (18) through twenty-four (24).
- Recruit TGNC identifying youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness ages eighteen (18) through twenty-four (24). This includes making telephone calls, outreaching to youth on social and sexual networking applications (e.g., Facebook, SnapChat, Jack'd, Grindr), and sending e-mails/text messages.

- Develop and organize materials and supplies for all activities, events and services hosted at Us Helping Us – in person or virtual.
- Set-up and clean-up after activities, events and services.
- Ensure that all areas, including but not limited to large activity space, are clean and orderly.
- Perform other position-related duties as assigned.

Experience and Education (Preferred, not required)

- High school diploma (or GED equivalency)

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities

- Basic knowledge about HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, especially for TGNC identifying youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness ages eighteen (18) through twenty-four (24).
- Skills in group facilitation preferred and ability to work collaboratively in a team setting.
- Self-motivated and enthusiastic.
- Ability to foster a cooperative work environment
- Experience working with LGBTQ individuals and racial minorities and respects cultural and religious practices of patients and work sensitively with young Black gay and bisexual women and transgender women, other minorities / community issues.
- Bilingual English/Spanish and/or other languages strongly preferred.

Specifications

- Part time position, 20 hours per week
- \$20/Hr
- This includes occasional evenings and weekends.
- Valid U.S. work permit required..
- Us Helping Us has a smoke-free environment and non-smokers are preferred. Excellent personal hygiene is a must.

Us Helping Us is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, language, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, gender expression, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, or status as a veteran with a disability