



APLA Health's mission is to achieve health care equity and promote well-being for the LGBT and other underserved communities and people living with and affected by HIV. We are a nonprofit, federally qualified health center serving more than 14,000 people annually. We provide 20 different services from 15 locations throughout Los Angeles County, including: medical, dental, and behavioral health care; PrEP counseling and management; health education and HIV prevention; and STD screening and treatment. For people living with HIV, we offer housing support; benefits counseling; home health care; and the Vance North Necessities of Life Program food pantries; among several other critically needed services. Additionally, we are leaders in advocating for policy and legislation that positively impacts the LGBT and HIV communities, provide capacity-building assistance to health departments across the country, and conduct community-based research on issues affecting the communities we serve. For more information, please visit us at aplahealth.org.

We offer great benefits, competitive pay, and great working environment!

We offer:

- *Medical Insurance*
- *Dental Insurance (no cost for employee)*
- *Vision Insurance (no cost for employee)*
- *Long Term Disability*
- *Group Term Life and AD&D Insurance*
- *Employee Assistance Program*
- *Flexible Spending Accounts*
- *10 Paid Holidays*
- *3 Personal Days*
- *10 Vacation Days*
- *12 Sick Days*
- *Metro reimbursement or free parking*
- *Employer Matched 403b Retirement Plan*

This is a great opportunity to make a difference!

Community Embedded Intervention Specialist (90016)

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Community Embedded Intervention Specialist (CEDIS) provides partner services including counseling, partner elicitation, notification and other follow-up activities for STD positive clients in Los Angeles County. The CEDIS also cultivates, enhances and maintains a cooperative and effective relationship with clinical staff.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- In collaboration with Sexual Health Program Manager and other CEDIS staff, serve clients with STDs including locating and following-up with sex partners for appropriate and treatment.
- Interview clients to gather sex partner(s) information in an attempt to identify the source of infections and to prevent further disease transmission in strict adherence with confidentiality laws.
- Provide client-centered counseling and active referral(s) to relevant social and health services for clients diagnosed with an STD.
- Provide linkage to medical care for newly diagnosed HIV+ individuals or those who need to be re-engaged in medical care.
- Conduct field investigations, independently (site visits to client's homes, neighborhoods, shelters, etc.) to locate/notify clients of test results or exposure, interview clients, and refer individuals for necessary medical evaluation and treatment.
- Accurately enter client information into Case Watch or other database as required by DHSP.
- Attend DHSP Partner Services unit meetings and trainings as needed.
- Attends department meetings and trainings.
- Contributes to data collection to measure quality and performance
- Sets yearly program objectives/goals
- Submits monthly and year end reports
- Represents APLA Health & Wellness in a professional manner at a variety of roundtables, community forums, town hall meetings and other venues where the issues regarding the provision of HIV and/or STD services are discussed.
- Ensures contractual compliance.
- Prepares quantitative and qualitative reports

OTHER DUTIES MAY BE ASSIGNED TO MEET BUSINESS NEEDS.

REQUIREMENTS:

Training and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree and 2 years of experience working in public health, nursing, social work, health sciences, communications or community organizing OR High School diploma and 4 years of experience working in public health, nursing, social work, health sciences, communications or community organizing.
- Experience with health education/health promotion and program development. Familiarity with the harm reduction model.
- Experience in a nonprofit environment preferred.
- Strong oral and written skills required.
- Strong analytical skills are needed to solve daily work issues and/or work flow challenges.
- **Must pass LA County's Division of HIV &STD Programs CEDIS training during first year of employment.**

Knowledge of:

- HIV infection; STD infection/treatment; HIV prevention; psychosocial issues as it relates to HIV and STD transmission/acquisition, special issues relevant to individuals who are at risk for HIV/STD and/or living with HIV;
- Health education and behavior modification theory; human sexuality, substance abuse, behavior change principles and strategies; effective communication skills; group dynamics; data management; general computer knowledge; community resources;
- Health and social concerns of diverse populations such as gay and non-gay identified men who have sex with men and other genders, individuals who share injection paraphernalia, heterosexuals, women at sexual risk and transgender individuals.

Ability to:

- Communicate clearly, work well in a multidisciplinary team and be able to work with a wide variety of people in a range of community and clinical settings.
- Maintain a high degree of professionalism and the ability to handle confidential information at all times.
- Provide services in a non-judgmental fashion and work effectively with diverse populations
- Work independently with minimal direction
- Work in a fast pace environment
- Meet multiple deadlines in a rapidly changing environment
- Maintain records and follow clinical guidelines/protocols.
- Work efficiently and complete tasks with a high degree of accuracy
- Work flexible hours
- Travel (local) to conduct field investigation; attend meetings at health centers and other relevant meetings.

WORKING CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

This is primarily an office position that requires only occasional bending, reaching, stooping, lifting and moving of office materials weighing 25 pounds or less. The position requires daily use of a personal computer and requires entering, viewing, and revising text and graphics on the computer terminal and on paper.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must possess a valid California driver's license; proof of auto liability insurance; and have the use of a personal vehicle for work related purposes.

Equal Opportunity Employer: minority/female/disability/veteran.

To Apply:

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