

JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: ADAP Program Specialist

REPORTS TO: Senior Manager

STATUS: Full time Exempt

SALARY: \$52,000

LOCATION: Anchorage (In-person)

This position is funded through a contract with the State of Alaska and stable through the fiscal year ending July 1st 2026 with expectation of continuation.

JOB SUMMARY

The ADAP Program Specialist will work directly with clients enrolled in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which assists people living with HIV around the state of Alaska with the cost of their HIV medication. They will provide intensive case management to up to 20 clients enrolled in ADAP as well as provide administrative support to the program and insurance enrollment assistance including completing the CMS Certified Application Counselor training. This position works within traumainformed harm reduction and modalities to proactively support the goals and quality of life of people living with HIV (PLWH) and their families. The successful candidate will have excellent verbal and written communication skills, judgement, critical thinking, and possess the ability to address complex needs and issues experienced by PLWH, as well as a thorough understanding of HIV treatment and prevention, trauma-informed care, harm reduction, and available community resources (including but not limited to housing, benefits/entitlements, and behavioral health). The successful candidate will approach the work with curiosity and compassion and a collaborative, team-focused approach, whether working with an individual client, coworkers, or external community partners/providers.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Trauma-Informed Care
- Harm Reduction philosophy
- Person-centered approach
- Housing First model

QUALIFICATIONS

<u>Education and Experience</u>: The successful candidate will possess experience working with vulnerable populations and in the nonprofit sector or may have a bachelor's degree or specific formal education training in, human services, social services, public health, or related fields. Prefer experience working on HIV-related issues, navigating healthcare /health insurance systems, or working with people who experience HIV. Lived experience with HIV, the criminal justice system, substance use, or PrEP is highly valued. Must be able to work occasional evenings and weekends as necessary.

<u>Communication Skills:</u> Must be able to work both independently and collaboratively as part of a team. Must possess excellent written, communication, and organizational skills, be proficient in database entry and management with attention to detail, have a positive attitude, possess strong listening skills, and feel comfortable working with diverse populations in a variety of settings. Must have strong problem-solving skills. Must be comfortable discussing sex, sexual health, and sexuality.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Assist with maintaining digital ADAP client files
- Complete ADAP data entry into CAREWare
- Prepare and mail/email notices to ADAP clients
- Complete insurance premium payments for clients receiving premium assistance
- Work with clients to complete ADAP recertification paperwork every 6 months.
- Work with client's and case managers to assist clients experiencing medication adherence issues by identifying barriers to adherence and finding tolls to overcome those barriers.
- Serve as the primary point of contact for clients, ensuring seamless coordination and communication between healthcare providers, social services, and community organizations.
- Provide comprehensive education on HIV/AIDS, treatment options, prevention strategies, and the impact of viral suppression.
- Promote sexual health and wellness via status-neutral approaches and evidence-based interventions.
- Address social determinants of health by being highly knowledgeable of external services and emergency services (i.e., housing, domestic violence, food pantry) and proactively linking PLWH to those resources.
- Meeting the needs of people facing complex sets of barriers, including behavioral & mental health, substance use, homelessness and/or extensive trauma history
- Represent the agency and provide information to the public on all organization services at external outreach events.
- Document all client interactions, interventions, and progress notes in accordance with program guidelines and requirements.
- Manage the provision of ICM care and support to up to 20 individuals.
- Effectively advocate with and/or on behalf of PLWH.
- Proactively reduce barriers experienced by PLWH, both current and anticipated.
- Actively participate in department meetings, QI/QM projects, events, bringing a positive, solution-based approach to challenges.
- Work collaboratively with PLWH to identify personal goals and address barriers to those goals, with a focus on engagement and retention in HIV Care and quality of life.
- Actively participate in facilitating a welcoming, affirming, and compassionate culture of healing within the organization.
- Proactively seek out new resources, information, and opportunities that would benefit PLWH.

Equipment:

- Ability to operate proficiently a personal computer, fax machine, printer, and copier.
- Access to own and reliable transportation.

Physical Requirements:

- Frequent communication verbal and written.
- Frequent sitting and/or standing.
- Repetitive movement of hands and fingers typing and/or writing.
- Visually or otherwise identify, observe and assess.
- · Occasional stooping, kneeling or crouching.
- Reach with hands and arms.
- Use math/calculations.
- Lifting Requirement maximum of 25 lbs.

<u>Certifications and Clearances:</u> Valid driver's license; proof of auto insurance. Background check.

<u>Access to PHI:</u> Will have access to Protected Health Information as outlined in Four A's Security Polices & Procedures.

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To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to applicants@alaskanaids.org.