



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Community Embedded Disease Intervention Specialist (CEDIS)

Essential Access Health is seeking a Community Embedded Disease Intervention Specialist (CEDIS) to provide counseling, partner elicitation, partner 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 health care partners. This position is located in Los Angeles.

Essential Access Health is a statewide organization that champions and promotes quality sexual and reproductive health care for all. Essential Access achieves their mission through an umbrella of programs and services including advanced clinical research, provider training, clinic support initiatives, advocacy and consumer awareness. Incorporated in 1968, Essential Access has offices in Northern and Southern California with 60 employees.

Essential Access funds family planning and reproductive health services for low-income and uninsured clients through 61 health care organizations collectively, operating more than 350 health centers and serving more than one million women, men and teens annually in 37 of California's 58 counties. As the sole administrator of California's Title X (ten) federal family planning program, the nation's largest Title X system, Essential Access Health's provider network includes a broad spectrum of service organizations, including federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), city and county health departments, stand-alone family planning health centers, school-based clinics and community health centers.

Specific Duties & Responsibilities

- In collaboration with the Sexual + Reproductive Health Program Manager and other CEDIS, serve clients diagnosed with STDs including locating and following-up with sex partners for appropriate screening 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 social and health services for clients diagnosed with an STD.
- 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.
- Consult with physicians and other clinical staff to obtain medical information, provide appropriate diagnostic and treatment recommendations, and stimulate rapid and thorough disease reporting practices.
- Coordinate and manage special projects (ex. Enhance staff capacity in STD prevention and control in different healthcare centers such as community clinics, hospitals, family planning clinics, etc).
- Accurately enter client information into CaseWatch, the DPH STD case management system.



- Attend DPH Partner Services unit meetings and trainings as needed.
- Other duties as assigned

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required to perform this job.

- Must have Bachelor's Degree or 1-2 years experience in public health, nursing, social work, health sciences, communications, community organizing, etc.
- MPH or MSW graduates highly preferred.
- Must have strong communication skills, 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.
- Must possess a high degree of professionalism and the ability to handle confidential information at all times.
- Must have good organizational skills and be able to work independently in a fast-paced, diverse environment.
- Must have critical thinking ability and problem solving skills.
- Must have strong computer skills with the ability to input data, and effectively navigate different online databases, applications, and/or search engines to extract relevant information.
- Willingness to travel for field investigation, training, and temporary duty assignments as needed.
- Experience working with high risk youth and young adults in low-income areas and neighboring communities including youth in continuation schools, gang intervention programs, juvenile detention centers, and homeless shelters.
- Have a passion for working with underserved populations to increase health outcomes.
- Bilingual (Spanish) abilities are a plus.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume and salary requirements to:

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