

Harm Reduction Specialist

The Health Outreach Project, Rochester, NY, US

Worker Category : Regular Full Time

On the outside, Trillium Health may look like a neighborhood health center that provides accessible, affordable services to the community. On the inside, we're focused on caring for all of an individual's needs. "Extraordinary care, always," is not just our noble purpose at Trillium Health, it's our operational system. Our mission targets the complex vulnerabilities of our community, as we address the social, physical, and behavioral needs of those we serve, all under one roof.

Born from the HIV/AIDS epidemic, Trillium Health has grown into a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look A-Like, allowing us to expand our reach and serve those who too often face barriers to care. From primary medical care, to LGBTQ affirming care, we are committed to our community. If you are interested in an organization that truly cares, Trillium Health may be for you.

We are currently recruiting for a Harm Reduction Specialist.

The Harm Reduction Specialist is responsible for engaging with people who use substances and reducing their risk for overdose through harm reduction interventions and linkage to medication assisted treatment (MAT) and other support services.

Outreach and Education

- Maintain a compassionate, positive, and respectful attitude towards people who use drugs
- Participate in targeted outreach in areas where people at high risk for overdose due to substance use (particular opioids) can be found, including Trillium Health's Syringe Exchange Program, local Emergency Departments, etc.
- Assist Manager, Harm Reduction Program and Harm Reduction Community Relations Specialist with fostering and maintaining relationships with other substance use service providers
- Assist Harm Reduction team with presenting group-level harm reduction education
- Provide individual level harm reduction education and initial nonclinical assessments for individuals desiring medication assisted treatment (MAT)
- Demonstrate developing knowledge of substance use and harm reduction, emerging trends in substance use, overdose and MAT, HIV/HCV prevention and other health-related issues

Linkage and Navigation

- Assist individuals with initial engagement in MAT services (which may include transporting and accompaniment)
- Ensure client engagement and retention in MAT services through frequent communication and addressing any barriers directly or through referrals to other services
- Advocate for clients with all members of clients' care teams (internal and external to Trillium Health) through case conferencing

- Maintain close communication with Director, Community Health Initiatives and Manager, Harm Reduction and/or liaise between Harm Reduction team and clinical staff regarding challenges or barriers that may affect uptake or success of MAT
- Maintain complete and timely documentation of clients' progress through MAT within required systems (AIRS, Medent or other EMR as directed)
- Maintain a list of local providers who offer health, mental health, and low-threshold medication assisted treatment for people who use drugs
- Complete monthly report for supervisor and additional reports for leadership as required

Miscellaneous

- Requires the ability and commitment to respect and support inclusiveness and diversity including but not limited to individuals of different backgrounds, cultures, races, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, experiences, opinions, etc.
- Requires individual demonstration of commitment to the One Trillium behaviors and business impacts and modeling them in the organization
- Responsible for maintaining confidentiality of all patient, client, employee, protected and proprietary information
- Employees are accountable for meeting the performance standards of their departments and must participate as requested in compliance audits, process improvement and quality improvement plans.
- Requires valid NYS driver's license and insured dependable car to use for travelling to offsite locations to conduct business supporting program activities
- Other specific duties as assigned

Qualifications

Bachelor's degree and two years of experience working in related field or Associate's degree and four years of experience working in related field preferred. High school diploma or equivalent and knowledge of substance use and harm reduction required.

Physical Requirements

While performing the duties of this job the employee is required to stand, sit, walk, use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms, talk and hear. Occasionally the employee must stoop, bend and lift or move up to 25 lbs. Specific vision abilities required include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus.

In support of the Americans with Disabilities Act, this job description lists only those responsibilities and qualifications deemed essential to the position.

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