

Position Title: Research Assistant I

Date: 03/01/2022 through 12/31/2022

Department: Public Health Institute at Denver Health (PHIDH)

Status: Contract **Type:** Intermittent

Location: 601 & 234 Broadway

Reports To: PHIDH Field Supervisor

POSITION SUMMARY:

Using standard work practices, the Research Assistant I collects data from persons who inject drugs (PWID) in the Denver metro area as part of the [National HIV Behavioral Surveillance System \(NHBS\)](#). Staff may also optionally conduct rapid HIV testing and provide risk reduction/prevention counseling. *Must be able to attend the required trainings on two Saturdays in May.*

ESSENTIAL DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work alongside the Denver metro area PWID community as part of the Denver NHBS team, to include community engagement and qualitative work at harm reduction sites.
- In accordance with study protocol, anonymously, via Zoom:
 - Screen community members for participation.
 - Obtain and document informed consent.
 - Carry out structured, verbatim interviews with participants.
 - Record participant responses using 2-in-1 laptops.
- Optionally, in accordance with study protocol, anonymously and in-person:
 - Conduct rapid HIV testing.
 - Provide relevant, personalized risk reduction and prevention counseling.
 - Supply appropriate medical and social service referrals.
- Maintain accurate, thorough, and timely documentation of all activities.
- Other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A sensitivity to, familiarity with, and/or understanding of the varied needs of the PWID community.
- A commitment to contributing to the health of the community and the field of public health surveillance.
- A willingness and the availability to workdays, evenings, and weekends as scheduled.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- A familiarity and comfort with Zoom and Excel and learning new technological programs and processes.
- Able to conduct interviews at 601 Broadway.

PREFERRED EXPERIENCE:

- Prior experience with research studies and data collection.
- Prior experience conducting rapid HIV testing and counseling.
- Prior experience working alongside populations at increased risk for HIV.
- Bilingual in Spanish and English.

COMPENSATION:

- \$18.00 per hour. The number of hours per week will vary. Hours depend on the availability of the individual and the NHBS team, but we are asking for a commitment of 16-20 hours per week.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This is a contract position. Qualified applicants will be hired through Favorite Healthcare Staffing.
- Applicants must pass a pre-employment drug screening and criminal background check.

Interested applicants may submit a resume or CV to Joshua Derrig at joshua.derrig@dhha.org.

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