

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force

AIDS Outreach Assistant

I. Site Information

Site Name and Location:

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force
5913 Penn Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Organization Description and Mission:

The Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force is dedicated to saving, sustaining, and empowering the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS and preventing the spread of infections.

Through compassionate and caring work we respond to the disease in all its diversity by:

- Providing seamless, integrated services to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS, including direct services, housing, referrals, and advocacy;
- Delivering innovative, targeted outreach and education programs to those at risk of infection;
- Taking leadership in collaborating with other organizations to achieve mutual goals.

In the tradition of PATF's caring founders, we will continue to employ these ethics and values: *Compassion, Confidentiality, Dignity, Excellence, Integrity, Respect for Diversity.*

PATF is the largest and oldest AIDS service organization in Southwestern PA. We provide case management, supportive services, legal advocacy, food bank, and housing to anyone who is HIV/AIDS positive. Our prevention department conducts HIV testing at our primary site as well as at community locations, including the Allegheny County Jail. Through contracts with the ACHD, the CDC, and SAMHSA we provide a variety of HIV prevention programs throughout the county.

Critical Community Need(s) to be addressed through member service:

HIV counseling and testing in our main office and at community venues. Outreach on the streets of East Liberty, Garfield, and Wilkinsburg to encourage individuals to get tested.

Educational presentations for PATF's Speaker's Bureau at public schools, colleges, and community events to raise awareness about HIV and HIV prevention.

Site Supervisor assigned to support member: Name/Title/Phone/Fax/Email:

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II. Service Description (Remember, a member cannot duplicate services provided by a current employee or that an employee has provided within the past 6 months)

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Service Activities/Responsibilities: *(be sure to include numbers, amounts, and time lines)*

- I. Health Corps member, after completing required CTR training, would assist with HIV testing:
 - A. Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:30 PM
 - B. Sundays from 11 AM to 5 PM.
2. Health Corps member would be expected to provide outreach to targeted communities, handing out informational pamphlets, condoms, and HIV testing information cards, to 300 people per week.
3. Health Corps member would attend Speaker's Bureau events as a presenter 3 times per month, with the Coordinator of the Speaker's Bureau.
4. Health Corps member would attend all Prevention Department meetings (2 times per month) and all PATF staff meetings (1 time per month).
5. Health Corps member will complete all required documentation on a daily basis.
6. These responsibilities will begin as soon as the Health Corps member has received, and passed, CTR training, HIV 101, and PATF new employee orientation.

Overall Service Goals: *(be sure to include numbers, amounts, and time lines)*

- It is expected that the Health Corps member will provide CTR services to 300 new testing clients over the period of 12 months.
- 300 outreach contacts will be made each week, for a total of 14,400 people over 12 months.
- Health Corps member will provide 36 Speaker's Bureau safe-sex programs during 12 month period.

Outcome Measures: *(be sure to qualify what measurable impact the member will have through service at Partner Site)*

Member's services will allow PATF to include more testing hours into schedule as well as bring in new testing clients from the local neighborhoods. Member will assist in filling requests for Speaker's Bureau presentations. (Please see numbers above for measurable impact.)

III. Performance Measures: The PHC AmeriCorps program is based on National Health Corps Performance Measures. Each PHC member should provide services that fall in at least one of the NHC Performance Measures below:

1. Access to Care

Does your service position include assessing eligibility for, completing paperwork for, and enrolling community members in adult/child health insurance and/or patient medication assistance programs?(please check one) YES NO

If "yes", please provide site specifics and explain the details regarding how the member will provide service with these programs:

2. Individual & Group Health Education Instruction

Does your service position include any of the following:

Teaching health education classes, workshops, one on one sessions, leading clubs or organized activities on public health topics including home/public safety, violence prevention, smoking cessation, nutrition and exercise, asthma, diabetes, hypertension, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and other public health topics that meet local community needs. (please check one) YES NO

If “yes”, please provide site specifics and explain the details regarding how the member will provide health education:

PATF receives many requests to provide HIV 101 to schools, colleges, community groups, etc. With our current staff we are unable to fill all the requests. The Health Corps member will be trained to provide these presentations.

3. Health Screening, Testing & Immunization

Does your service position include the member organizing, coordinating, promoting and/or participating in health screenings, testing and immunization campaigns for HIV/STDs and other communicable diseases, BMI, blood pressure and other issues that respond to local needs? (please check one) X YES NO

If “yes”, please provide site specifics and explain the details regarding how the member will provide service relating to health screenings, testing, and immunization:

- It is expected that the Health Corps member will provide CTR services to 300 new testing clients over the period of 12 months.

4. Health Information & Outreach Material Distribution

Does your service position include the member distributing health education and outreach materials to individuals in underserved populations?

(please check one) X YES NO

If “yes”, please provide site specifics and explain the details regarding the information that will be distributed and how it relates to the services provided by the site as a whole:

- 300 outreach contacts will be made each week, for a total of 14,400 people over 12 months.
- Health Corps member will provide 36 Speaker’s Bureau safe–sex programs during 12 month period.

5. Promotion of Health Professions

Does your service description include giving the member the opportunity to be trained on health professions, health care settings, health care education opportunities, the healthcare needs of the underserved, health disparities, cultural competency, and various health related topics such as tobacco, asthma, hypertension, nutrition and HIV/AIDS? (please check one) X YES NO

If “yes”, please provide site specifics and explain the details regarding how the member will be trained, gain experience in the health related topics mentioned:

Member will be provided with training and certification in HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, and will be able to present an HIV 101 to community groups.

IV. Logistical Information

Expected Schedule for Providing Service at Site:

. Heath Corps member, after completing required CTR training, would assist with HIV testing:

C. Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:30 PM

D. Sundays from 11 AM to 5 PM.

Speaker’s Bureau presentations will be on an as scheduled basis.

Community outreach would be during the hours of 10 AM to 6 PM when the member is not involved in the above two services.

Orientation Plan:

Member will be given HIV CTR training by a certified trainer. HIV 101 training will be provided by appropriate PATF staff.

Orientation to PATF, our policies and practices, will be provided during the first week the member is available to PATF. This orientation will include visits to all of our partner agencies and locations.

Service Location(s) if different from site address:

Speaker's Bureau presentations might be anywhere in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Outreach will be in the 3 neighborhoods around PATF offices.

Additional Info (parking, transportation, ID, etc.):

Many public transit buses stop directly in front of PATF and the busway is only 2 blocks from our office. Parking is in public lots unless member finds free parking spaces on surrounding streets. Business cards, office keys, etc. will be provided.

Member Qualifications:

Interest in HIV prevention and testing.

Good public speaking skills.

Ability to understand and protect client confidentiality issues/policies/laws.

Comfort in working with populations of diverse races, life styles, and cultures.

Ability to work individually both in the office and in the community.

College degree preferred.