JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Drug Overdose Prevention & Education (DOPE) Project SRO Project Coordinator

LOCATION: Oakland, CA

THE POSITION:
One-third of opioid overdose deaths in San Francisco occur in supportive housing/single room occupancy (SRO) hotels, and the overdose death rate among SRO residents is 19 times that of the general San Francisco population. SRO residents are more likely than others to die from overdose at home, and residents are physically isolated from others, putting them at higher risk for overdose death. DOPE’s new SRO Project is funded by SFDPH to work with supportive housing sites and SROs in San Francisco to implement universal, evidence-based overdose prevention policies and interventions to ensure all residents and guests have access to the resources they need to keep themselves and each other safe.

The SRO Project Coordinator will work within the DOPE Project team and collaborate with service provider agencies and property management companies of supportive housing sites and SROs with the highest frequency of overdose, as identified by SFDPH, and collaborate with staff and residents to implement resident-led overdose prevention initiatives, as well as to ensure sustainable support for staff, organizations, and the Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing (HSH).

This position is supervised by the DOPE Project Manager, and works collaboratively with the DOPE Project Training & Data Coordinator, DOPE Project Logistics Coordinator, and SFDPH Community Health Equity & Promotion (CHEP) branch.

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION:

Harm Reduction Coalition is a national advocacy and capacity-building organization that works to promote the health and dignity of individuals and communities who are affected by drug use. As a national organization with primary offices in New York and California, we advance harm reduction policy and practice through five core programs:

1. Harm reduction policy and advocacy;
2. National training and capacity building initiatives;
3. National and regional conferences;
4. Publications and resources, and;
5. Technical assistance on overdose prevention education, hepatitis C prevention and treatment; syringe access expansion; and the US overdose crisis.

Collectively, these core programs work toward our North Star Statement: **Harm Reduction Coalition creates spaces for dialogue and action that help heal the harms caused by racialized drug policies.**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Drug Overdose Prevention & Education (DOPE) Project is funded by the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) to coordinate San Francisco’s response to overdose. As the largest single-city naloxone distribution program in the country, DOPE ensures naloxone access for people who use drugs and their community, as well as provides overdose prevention trainings and technical assistance to social service providers, supportive housing programs, businesses, and the San Francisco community at large; monitors the street drug supply through a drug checking program; provides technical assistance and guidance to city agencies around overdose prevention and supporting people who use drugs; advocates for broader evidence-based policy to support people who use drugs and people harmed by the drug war, people experiencing homelessness, and people experiencing the largest health disparities.

**DUTIES AND ACTIVITIES:**

- Recruit, train, and support Resident Overdose Specialists to provide overdose prevention and naloxone trainings to their peers in five high priority SRO sites at a time
- Provide on-site overdose prevention and naloxone trainings to service providers and property management staff
- Work collaboratively with SFDPH and HSH to ensure consistent and sustainable naloxone access for supportive housing and SRO sites
- Provide technical assistance and support for each site to install wall-mounted emergency access naloxone boxes in common areas
- Assist in writing and implementing site-specific and agency-wide policy that supports the safety and well-being of people who use drugs living in and visiting supportive housing sites
- Work with DOPE Project Manager and SFDPH’s CHEP Drug User Health Research Project Manager to collect and evaluate project data
- Collaborate with community partners and city agencies via email, phone, and in-person
- Other duties as requested by the DOPE Project Manager

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Minimum two years of experience in harm reduction or related field and demonstrated commitment to improving the health and well-being of people who use drugs and people who experience the most harms related to the war on drugs
- Lived experience as a tenant in supportive housing/SROs in the Bay Area, preferred
● Familiarity with harm reduction theory, practice, and history
● Some training/presentation experience
● Ability to maintain successful working relationships with multiple collaborative partners and diverse populations

**SALARY RANGE:** $50,000 - $60,000

**SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:** None

**REPORTS TO:** DOPE Project Manager

**FSLA STATUS:** Exempt

**TRAVEL:** Position requires almost daily travel to Oakland office and San Francisco, as well as to housing sites throughout San Francisco. Position will also join the team of DOPE and SFDPH staff in Vancouver to learn from original TORO Project staff. All staff are required to attend Harm Reduction Coalition’s biennial National Harm Reduction Conference.

**TO APPLY:** Please use the below link to apply online for the State Advocacy Manager position. The attachments should adhere to the following naming convention: “Lastname, Firstname_Cover Letter.” Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls or visits please.

People who currently use or have a history of substance use, sex workers, people of color, women, members of the LGBTQIA+ communities, and people living with HIV/AIDS and/or hepatitis C, or people who have experienced housing insecurity are strongly encouraged to apply. As an equal opportunity employer, Harm Reduction Coalition views the experiences associated with these identities as assets in this role and within our organization.

To submit your application, [Click HERE](#) (external link).

**DEADLINE:** March 15, 2020