

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Douglas Beardsley, MPH**

**Director**

***Promoting Health. Preventing Harm.***

**Peer Coordinator**

Johnson County Public Health sponsors Mpowerment Iowa City, an HIV prevention intervention focused on reducing HIV transmission in gay and bisexual men by disseminating risk-reduction messages through targeted social events. The Peer Coordinator will work with the HIV and Hepatitis Health Educator to administer the intervention by creating, promoting, and executing social events that include risk-reduction messaging. Individuals in this position will gain applied experience in administering a behavioral intervention. Experience gained from this position would prepare an individual for a position in public health practice.

**Responsibilities will include:**

* Plans, coordinates, and prepares events for Mpowerment intervention
* Creates publicity materials
* Promotes Mpowerment intervention at targeted venues
* Facilitates group discussions concerning risk-reduction
* Recruits and trains gay and bisexual men to conduct informal outreach with their peers
* Keep accurate records of event attendance and number of contacts made

**Skills, knowledge, and necessary abilities:**

* Ability to work independently and as part of a health promotion team
* Excellent organization skills
* Ability to keep thorough and accurate records
* Ability to communicate risk-reduction strategies to gay and bisexual men
* Ability to remain professional while facilitating candid conversations about sexual health
* Knowledge of HIV prevention, gay/bi male sexuality, and obstacles faced by gay/bi men
* Available for some daytime meetings and some evening/weekend availability to conduct events
* Preference given to second year social work, public health, psychology, or counselling graduate students
* Preference given to individuals with experience creating digital and/or print materials

**Work hours and compensation:**

* Works approximately 8 hours/week, not to exceed 32 hours/month
* Contract employee
* Compensated at $10.00/hour

Interested parties should contact the HIV and Hepatitis Health Educator via the contact information provided below. Please include a currently resume, a brief summary of relevant coursework completed and/or relevant work experience, and a brief (approximately 100 word) statement indicating your interest in the position.

**For more information or to express your interest, please contact:**

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