

Equitas Health Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact volunteer@equitashealth.com for more information and to sign up. Thank you!

Ohio HIV/STI Hotline Operator

Purpose: To provide information and referrals to Hotline users on topics of HIV/STIs and general sexual health.

Volunteer responsibilities may include:

- Answering calls and online chats from community members around the state
- Providing online support for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.
- Collecting demographic data from all callers
- Assisting with projects needed to maintain Hotline records and services

Time: Shifts available between 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday

Location: Equitas Health – Columbus 4400

Training Requirements: Volunteer Orientation, Hotline Training, maturity, sensitivity, and strong inter-personal communication ability, and computer skills is required

MSM Outreach Volunteer & The Voice

Purpose: To provide input on and support for MSM targeted programming

Volunteer responsibilities may include:

- Condom distribution to various locations
- Staffing informational tables at various locales
- Data collection and entry
- A commitment of taking part in the MSM Popular Opinion Leader (POL) program.
- Serving as a marketing resource regarding ways to better reach MSM with prevention efforts.

Time: The Voice meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month

Locations: Equitas Health agency, off-site community organizations (Stonewall, Short North, etc.)

Training requirements: Volunteer Orientation, MSM Technical Training (not required for The Voice), maturity, sensitivity, good communication skills.

HIV Test Counselor

Purpose: To provide individuals HIV testing & behavioral risk-reduction counseling; inform clients of HIV status

Volunteer responsibilities may include:

- Testing individuals during Equitas Health's walk-in hours and delivering test results
- Testing individuals during large scale testing community testing events
- Compiling data and data entry from HIV Test Counseling sessions

Location: Equitas Health; Central Ohio venues

Training Requirements: Volunteer Orientation, Client Centered Counseling training, shadowing of current test counselors, must have own transportation for off-site opportunities, maturity, sensitivity, and strong inter-personal communication skills are required. Volunteer commitment of at least 6 months after training is required.

Project INK PROMISE Peer Advocate Volunteers

Purpose: To raise awareness about prevention/treatment of HIV and High Risk Behaviors through Peer-to-Peer Outreach and Mentoring on a Community level for MSM target population.

Volunteers will have an opportunity to:

- Distribute Role Model Stories and other literature
- Educate Community/Recruit Peers
- Outreach/One-on-One Mentoring
- Condom Distribution

Time: Shifts will vary, including possible shifts outside of normal business hours and weekends.

Locations: Equitas Health, Community

Training Requirements: Volunteer Orientation, Peer Advocate Training, maturity, sensitivity, good communication skills, identification as a peer of the Project INK key demographic.

Safe Point Syringe Access Program (SAP)

Purpose: To help provide safer-injection and safer-sex materials to people who inject drugs (PWID); to help educate the community and local organizations about IV-drug use; link clients to other relevant services.

Volunteer responsibilities may include:

- Assembling safer-injection and safer-sex kits
- Participating in neighborhood cleanup activities
- Replenishing supplies while staff conduct client interviews
- Navigating Safe Point participants through Equitas Health programs and services
- Conducting client interviews (after shadowing Safe Point staff)

Location: Equitas Health agency; off-site locations as needed.

Training Requirements: Volunteer Orientation, shadowing current SAP workers, safety protocols, IV drug use education, own transportation, maturity, sensitivity, strong interpersonal skills

Support Corps Volunteer

Purpose: to provide assistance in various tasks at Equitas Health

Volunteer responsibilities may include:

- Staffing the front desk for HIV/STI testing
- Assisting with data collection and management
- Preparing large mailings
- Special projects as needed

Time: Varies by need

Location: Varies by need

Training Requirements: Volunteer Orientation, training for some tasks

Special Events Team Member

Purpose: Volunteer staff for fundraising and awareness events

Volunteer responsibilities may include:

- Registration, coat check, and general hospitality duties
- Serving food and/or beverages
- Bartending
- Set-up and tear down before and after events
- Decorating space of event

Time: Varies by event, mostly evenings and weekends

Location: Varies by event venue

Training Requirements: Varies by event. Additional training may be necessary.