



Providing HIV related services to our community through compassionate direct care, prevention, and outreach activities

Volunteer Corps Opportunities

Van Outreach

This position takes a strong commitment as other people's safety may depend on attendance. Volunteer Corps members assist HARC staff by promoting education, prevention and awareness. Volunteers distribute safer sex materials, information pamphlets, and educate clients about harm reduction. Directions and location are provided during training.

Bar Outreach

This outreach intervention is especially designed for bars or nightclubs patronized by men who have sex with men (MSM). During bar outreach, volunteers interact with patrons and help distribute safer sex materials, promote risk reduction, and inform clients about counseling and testing. Volunteers interested will have to be flexible with their schedules as outreach takes place late at night. If interested, a brief on-site training will be conducted on how to appropriately approach clients.

HIV 101 Health Educator

Volunteers will provide HIV presentations to various community organizations. To become certified as an HIV 101 educator, volunteers must participate in a two-session training. During the first session, an instructor will go into more detail about conducting HIV presentations and assigned a audience to prepare a mock presentation. In the second session, students will conduct their mock presentations.

Office/Administration

Volunteer Corps members assist staff with essential office duties which may include: helpful to distribute mailings, organizing the HIV/AIDS library, data entry, various staff projects, making safer sex packets, and answering telephones. This is a good position for members who want to contribute to HARC that may not feel comfortable in outreach activities.

HIV Testing Clinic Office/Administration

Volunteers will assist counselors with clients who would like to be tested for HIV. Since clients are usually anxious, volunteers help to maintain a comfortable atmosphere, help clients process their paperwork, answering basic questions on HIV and providing information on available community resources.



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HIV Test Counselor

Volunteers must successfully complete the Michigan Department of Community Health's HIV Test Counseling Training. This training involves three modules, with each module being two days in length. Once you have completed the state's training, a shadowing process is conducted with current HARC test counselors before you are given the okay to go solo.

Special Events

Volunteer Corps members who work in special events assist in various capacities that may include: the implementation and planning of fundraising events, conducting table top information booths at various health fairs, and assisting in other community projects that require support.