



The Northern Territory AIDS Council Inc. (NTAC) is a non-profit community based organization providing a diverse range of services to the community. NTAC services include prevention, education and support for those persons directly or indirectly affected by or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS and other blood borne viruses.

### **Sex Worker Outreach Project (SWOP) Officer**

This is a part time position (18 hours per week) classified under the SACS Northern Territory Award as a Community Services Worker Grade 4 with a salary range of \$37,530 to \$39,825 per annum (pro rata).

The primary aims of the Sex Worker Outreach Project are to:

- ✍ *Provide information, education and support to sex workers and other people engaged in the sex work industry in relation to HIV, hepatitis C and STI transmission and prevention.*
- ✍ *Provide information, education and support in relation to occupational health and safety issues and raise awareness around relevant legal issues.*

### **SWOP Duties**

- ✍ Provide prevention information and education to sex workers regarding HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), to ensure sex workers are able to protect themselves against such infections and not infect others.
- ✍ Provide information regarding occupational health & safety, self-protection, small business practices etc.
- ✍ Provide support to sex-workers, (which may include crisis intervention- see “SWOP Policy and Procedure Guidelines”), and arrange referrals to appropriate agencies for on-going counselling and/or advice.
- ✍ Collaborate with sex workers to develop and maintain a peer support network, which may include production of a regular newsletter for (and by) sex workers.
- ✍ Develop and disseminate appropriate information and resources relating to sex work in the Northern Territory.
- ✍ Liaise with the Licensing Board, the Police Department, escort agency owners and other relevant stakeholders to ensure sex workers are informed regarding issues relating to the sex industry.
- ✍ Coordinate the purchase, sales and distribution of safe sex products through the SWOP Shop, which is located in NTACs Needle and Syringe Program (NSP). *Relief staffing of the NSP will be required.*
- ✍ Develop funding proposals to allow the development and implementation of projects relating to Sex For Favours and also people of non-English speaking background.

- ✍ Other duties as directed by the Executive Director.
- ✍ Project outreach work is governed by Policy and Procedure guidelines.

### **Selection Criteria.**

**Applicants must address each of the “Essential” selection criteria.**

#### ***Essential***

1. *Demonstrated* experience in the development, implementation and evaluation of health education and community development programs.
2. *Demonstrated* understanding of peer education, adult education principles within a health promotion framework.
3. An understanding of Australia’s response to HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C including current education issues and relevant research, or the demonstrated ability to acquire such knowledge rapidly.
4. An understanding of and commitment to the principles of harm reduction in relation to blood borne viruses and injecting drug use health issues.
5. An understanding of and sensitivity to issues affecting NTAC’s key target groups: people with HIV/AIDS, gay men, sex workers, injecting drug users and Indigenous gay men and sisters.
6. Computer skills and basic competency in word processing.
7. Effective written and oral communication skills.

#### ***Desirable***

1. An understanding of community based organisations.
2. Skills in desktop publishing, databases and/or spread sheeting.
3. Ability to work outside normal business hours as required.
4. Current drivers licence.

Applications marked ‘In Confidence’ should be forwarded to:

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NT AIDS Council  
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Darwin, NT 0801

by ***COB on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2003***