

The Sex Worker Outreach Project of the AIDS Action Council of the ACT is seeking a suitably skilled person to work as an Education Officer. The position is offered on a part time basis of 22.8 hours (3 days) per week. There may be a small amount of early evening work involved. The position is at the social and community services (SACS) level five (\$45,706 per annum pro rata (of 38 hours), including 9% superannuation).

\*\*\*A current ACT driver's license is essential.

To apply, please send an application by email to Tony Blattman (tonyb@aidsaction.org.au) by COB 11 August, 2006. Please note that I will be out of office on 7-11 August. The ability to state your claims concisely in an application will be appreciated.

\*\*\*Detailed information about the position is below:

#### ABOUT THE AIDS ACTION COUNCIL:

The AIDS Action Council of the ACT (AAC) provides a range of Education and care and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS, their partners, families, carers and friends, to at-risk groups, and to health professionals and the public.

#### ABOUT THE SEX WORKER OUTREACH PROJECT OF THE ACT (SWOP)

The Sex Worker Outreach Project of the ACT (SWOP) is an initiative whose primary purpose is the prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in sex work, through education and referral.

We promote sex industry work as a valid occupational choice, and encourage recognition of the personal and industrial rights of sex workers.

#### PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THIS POSITION:

The successful applicant will be responsible for the development and delivery of comprehensive information, education and referral services for sex workers in the ACT. They will maintain an outreach program addressing the specific needs of sex workers, with a focus on HIV/AIDS, sexually transmissible infections, safe sex practices, Hepatitis C, and maintenance of optimum sexual health.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES AND KEY RESULT AREAS (AKA 'DUTY STATEMENT')

The following activities are associated with this position:

- \* Providing information, referral and specific resources to sex workers on issues including but not limited to; safe sex, sexually transmitted infections, sexual health, and other aspects of safer sex work.
- \* Maintaining an outreach program addressing the specific needs of sex workers (including those from Asian language backgrounds) in the ACT sex industry.
- \* Contributing to the production of a newsletter and other resources.

- \* Development, delivery and evaluation of educational resources for sex workers and clients.
- \* Promoting SWOP and the AAC and contributing to building a sense of community by fostering links between sex workers in the ACT.
- \* Liaising with owners, other sex industry staff and stakeholders to establish and promote health and safety standards within the industry.
- \* Developing and maintaining links with other sex worker organisations in Australia.
- \* Developing and maintaining links with police in relation to policies to maximise the safety of workers and clients.
- \* Maintain AAC policies, including the Confidentiality Policy.
- \* Office communication, reporting and administrative tasks, including assisting with the sale of safe sex products.
- \* Maintaining data collection and record keeping, particularly in relation to the contract with the ACT Health.
- \* Participation in staff meetings and staff development programs.
- \* Participation in project, planning and staff review processes.
- \* Other duties within experience and training as required.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

A demonstrated understanding and awareness of safe sex and harm reduction strategies and of HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases issues, as they relate to the sex industry.

Knowledge of the ACT Prostitution Act (1992) and legal, health and social issues affecting sex workers; or the ability to quickly acquire such knowledge.

Experience in social work, counselling or other health related disciplines is highly desirable.

Well developed liaison, negotiation, interpersonal and communication skills and the capacity to build and maintain relationships with other stakeholders.

Demonstrated ability to work sensitively with sex workers and other people involved in the sex industry, and with people from diverse backgrounds and diverse chosen lifestyles and sexual identity.

Ability to use computer technology, including Microsoft office and similar applications.

Demonstrated ability to be self-motivated and self-directed, as well as the ability to work constructively within a team.

A current ACT driver's license and the capacity to work outside standard hours where required.

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