



APICHA's mission is to improve the health of our community and to increase access to comprehensive primary care, preventive health services, mental health and supportive services. We are committed to excellence and to providing culturally competent services that enhance the quality of life. We advocate for and provide a welcoming environment for underserved and vulnerable people, especially Asians and Pacific Islanders, the LGBT Community and individuals living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Job Title: Project Connect Peer Outreach Specialist

Reports to: Project Connect Coordinator

FLSA Position: Non-Exempt (Part-Time Temporary Hourly Paid Position)

Location: Manhattan & Jackson Heights

Duties and Responsibilities Include:

- Conduct outreach to other community-based organizations to raise awareness of the unique needs of the LGBTQI API community and increase capacity to serve this population;
- Market and promote Project Connect to the LGBTQI API community to ensure that programs and services are appropriate, well-branded and reflective of the needs of the community;
- Represent Project Connect as well as APICHA Community Health Center at various health fairs and other community events;
- Recruit and retain a core group of mentors to provide a safe-space and supportive community for youth to discuss their identities as both API and LGBTQI;
- Facilitate a series of informal roundtable discussions with volunteer mentors and young LGBTQI participants covering a wide range of topics (i.e., building supportive networks and self-esteem, coming out to family members and in the workplace);
- Work closely with other Community Health Education program staff and volunteer peer navigators within the Community Health Education program and APICHA.
- Help recruit volunteers from target populations
- Support and meet with volunteers at least once a month.
- Attend all required meetings and trainings.
- Assist with administrative duties for the CHE HIV Prevention and Project Connect
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Strong socio-cultural identification with API and LGBTQ communities, or "having lived experience," required
- Experience in peer education strongly preferred
- Ability to communicate in English
- Fluency in one or more A&PI languages or Spanish preferred
- High energy with excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to reach and recruit program participants from target community.
- Independent and good team player
- Reliable, punctual and flexible
- Ability to work well with diverse population.
- Ability to handle multiple tasks and stressful environment
- Ability to work well within the organizational structure
- Ability to work flexible hours including some evenings and weekends
- Ability to use public transportation
- Ability to use common office software (Word, Excel, Power Point)