



CANADIAN ABORIGINAL AIDS NETWORK

YOUTH COORDINATOR JOB POSTING

The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN) is a well-known reputable not-for-profit coalition of individuals and organizations which provides leadership, support and advocacy for Aboriginal individuals living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, regardless of where they reside. With a committed Board of Directors, long time national members, researchers, and dedicated executive team, this national agency's philosophy is that all Aboriginal Peoples deserve the right to protect themselves against infectious disease. Education and prevention are focused on empowering Aboriginal Peoples through education and information about the risks of HIV/AIDS and to protect themselves accordingly. CAAN continually provides the Aboriginal community with accurate and current information about the disease including the risks of contracting it, the issues of care and treatment, and the support for families and those infected with the disease.

HIV/AIDS is a serious concern for Aboriginal youth who are 3 times at greater risk than non-Aboriginal youth for HIV/AIDS. Those under 30 years old account for almost 1/4 of Aboriginal people living with AIDS, and almost 1/3 of new HIV infections among Aboriginals.

THE CANDIDATE:

With peer or youth to youth education deemed as a viable and best approach to providing health information, CAAN is seeking an energetic Youth Coordinator for a newly created position. This role is ideally suited for an Aboriginal youth who is familiar and committed to the mission and mandate of the organization. The successful candidate will have an exciting role establishing and working with Inuit, Métis and First Nations youth across Canada while liaising with other youth networks. Based on active consultation and engagement with Aboriginal youth across the country, she/he will develop education training programs and materials on HIV/AIDS messaging, education and prevention aimed at Aboriginal youth. The Youth Coordinator should enjoy interacting with youth who will come from all walks of life, thrive on designing and delivering training sessions and be able to speak to a wide variety of audiences. The successful candidate must be willing to travel and possess the following qualifications, skills and experience:

- A post secondary education in social sciences, health, education or related area combined with 2 years of related work experience, or an equivalent of education and/or experience;
- Strong active listening, verbal, presentation and written communications skills with an ability to communicate complex information to a variety of audiences and be capable of reviewing literature and making recommendations on communications materials with HIV prevention messages aimed at youth;
- Excellent relationship building and conflict resolution skills with an ability to interact and work effectively with Aboriginal youth who come from all walks of life combined with knowledge, and experience of Aboriginal communities, organizations and traditions;
- Demonstrated sound judgement, tact, initiative, and flexibility; and
- Superior level of computer literacy with ability to provide advice on current and emerging technologies that will be utilized for training and education.

A competitive compensation package is offered for this unique and exciting **Vancouver**-based position. If you are qualified and want to assist the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network in its important mission and mandate in this new role, please contact forward your resume in confidence by **June 30th, 2009** to: Attn: Review Committee, 6520 Salish Drive, Vancouver BC. Fax: (604) 266-7612 or send via e-mail to: mervt@caan.ca.