



AMERICORPS STATE PROGRAM

Opioid Outreach & Education



**NATIONAL
NURSE-LED CARE
CONSORTIUM**
a PHMC affiliate

WHO WE ARE

The National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC) is a national member-supported organization advocating on behalf of nurse leaders on the frontlines of health care. AmeriCorps members help our organization fulfill its mission by supporting public health programming and facilitating organizational development. AmeriCorps state grants support the efforts of organizations to recruit and deploy members to address unmet needs of communities.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTNERSHIP

NNCC has an AmeriCorps State Program grant. We are seeking health centers and organizations throughout Pennsylvania to participate as host sites for our AmeriCorps members. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) considers the opioid epidemic a high priority for service work. Organizations can leverage AmeriCorps members to build outreach and education programs targeted at combating the opioid crisis.

As a sponsor, NNCC provides oversight and support for organizations interested in hosting AmeriCorps members at their sites to address their communities' needs. NNCC is responsible for AmeriCorps program application submission, AmeriCorps candidate recruitment, AmeriCorps member training, site supervisor support and completion of financial and reporting requirements. There is a cost for the health center or organization to host an AmeriCorps member for the year of service, please contact NNCC to discuss details.

HOW AMERICORPS MEMBERS CAN HELP YOU

- Coordinate with community organizations to engage individuals impacted by the opioid crisis
- Strengthen existing partnerships to expand resources to include opioid prevention
- Develop strategies for sustainable partnerships throughout the designated county in Pennsylvania
- Conduct outreach for at-risk individuals and their network
- Provide educational workshops to community members and family circles

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on this program and the benefits of partnering with the National Nurse-Led Care Consortium please contact Christine Simon, Public Health Project Manager, at csimon@nncc.us or call (215) 731-2177.

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Opioid Outreach Member Description



MEMBER DESCRIPTION

NNCC AmeriCorps State members will be placed at health centers and organizations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and surrounding counties to provide outreach and education around opioid use disorder to patients and their family members and connection to services with the goal of recovery.

The main role of this position will conduct venue outreach, recruit, advocate, identify and address barriers to sustained adherence through opioid use disorder education, screening, behavioral health service, and linkage to opioid treatment. The position will additionally be responsible for assisting patients in understanding and advocating for their health care needs, and navigating and accessing health and social services, as necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Identify community linkages to support their recovery efforts which includes job readiness, educational aspirations, housing and family support
- Provide additional support to participants in their recovery goals
- Provide new participants with initial outreach and orientation to the program
- Provide outreach to participants at treatment facilities, in the community which includes recovery houses, homes and workplaces to support engagement throughout participation
- Provide continuity of care as defined by recovery plans for assigned participants
- Assist participants in recovery in areas such as self-esteem enhancements, conflict resolution, assertiveness and other recovery skills
- Alert the case management unit to any current or potential behavioral or health related problems of participants
- Provide comprehensive wellness support to participants and facilitate connections to routine primary care, mental health, and substance use services (as needed)
- Identify opportunities for partnership and development of relationships, which could be mutually beneficial to families, the community and the agency
- Help patients connect with transportation resources and receive appointment reminders as necessary
- Maintain appropriate records of outreach activities, participants, and outcomes
- Document all services and contacts in a timely manner in the electronic health record system and other tracking systems
- Comply with all regulations under HIPAA regulations

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

- o Ability to communicate utilizing a recovery based problem solving approach and past experiences to support a recovery lifestyle
- o Excellent time management skills and attention to detail to attend to program target goals and to ensure timely documentation
- o At least two years of experience with vulnerable populations, including incarcerated, substance use and/or mental health disorders; knowledge of Philadelphia is a plus
- o Ability to adapt to fast paced medical environments and demonstrate flexibility in operating within different work and community settings
- o Ability to establish trusting and therapeutic relationships.
- o Commitment to recovery, choice, empowerment and the ability of people with co-occurring disorders to find meaningful lives in the community
- o Strong community outreach skills
- o Ability to collaborate in a team environment
- o Experience working with the substance-involved individuals
- o Knowledge of social services, child welfare and family systems services.
- o Familiarity with project's the target area and population
- o Ability to work inclement weather
- o Ability to assist with community health fairs
- o Ability to obtain pertinent information
- o Ability to link individuals to substance treatment and primary health care
- o Ability to follow-up linked to care and provide project referrals
- o Ability to travel between surrounding Philadelphia communities
- o Ability to work evenings and/or weekends
- o Ability to build and maintain effective and professional working relationships
- o Culturally sensitive to the needs and diversities of multi-cultural communities.
- o Strong interpersonal skills, respectful, and courteous nature.

EDUCATION

- o High School Diploma or GED
- o ASAM Certification
- o Some college in social work, sociology, psychology, counseling, criminal justice, education, divinity, or public health, preferred
- o At least two years of community outreach or locating experience

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