Julio Vasquez

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Professional Summary

Highly motivated psychology graduate experienced working with low income communities, people living with HIV as well as those struggling with substance dependence, mainly opiates and alcohol.

Experience

Youth Advocate SafeHorizon

New York, New York

April 2015- Present

* Serve as an advocate for clients navigating the shelter system
* Provide individual counseling to youth impacted by homelessness through a client centered approach
* Engage a diverse population of clients and ensure that the needs of 24 clients are being met while at the overnight residence
* Develop individualized plans using the Harm Reduction model to support of clients in meeting their goals while at the overnight residence
* Maintain a safe and supportive space at the overnight residence by intervening in crisis and resolving disputes when needed

Peer Program Assistant Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center

New York, New York

2013-2015

* Co-facilitate a Peer Education group of 10 participants aimed to educate them on HIV/Hepatits C prevention, overdose prevention as well as drugs and drug policy
* Develop and facilitate a support group once a week following the stages of change model and relapse prevention techniques with a regular attendance of 6+ participants
* Perform HIV exams and Hepatitis C using the Oraquick antibody test
* Keep a log of all services provided and record group notes into AIRS

Youth Worker USAID/Dominican Institute of Integrated Development

Bonao, Dominican Republic

June 2014-August 2015

* Mentored 15+ youth leaders in a team with 4 other Youth Workers and assisted them in organizing workshops in their communities on topics such as Culture of Peace and STD prevention
* Ensured the proper distribution of workshop supplies to the youth leaders and made sure their needs were met
* Supervised the lectures and workshops to ensure the information was delivered correctly.
* Maintained the youth leaders motivated and ensure the project’s goals in the region were met

Skills

* Professional proficiency in English, Spanish and Portuguese
* Adaptability; Experienced fullfiling multiple roles
* Team player
* Crisis intervention and dis-calating

Education

The City College Of New York

B.A, Psychology **summa cum laude**

2010-2015

Pontifical Catholic University Of Rio de Janeiro

Exchange Semester 2014