

Field Responder

The Fund for Public Health in New York City (FPHNYC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to the advancement of the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. To this end, in partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), FPHNYC incubates innovative public health initiatives implemented by DOHMH to advance community health throughout the city. It facilitates partnerships, often new and unconventional, between government and the private sector to develop, test, and launch new initiatives. These collaborations speed the execution of demonstration projects, effect expansion of successful pilot programs, and support rapid implementation to meet the public health needs of individuals, families, and communities across New York City.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention, Care and Treatment (BADUPCT) works to reduce morbidity and mortality related to alcohol and substance use among New Yorkers through contracting and oversight of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery and support services; policy analysis and development; epidemiology, surveillance, and evaluation; development and dissemination of treatment and management guidelines; harm reduction initiatives; public and provider outreach and education; and community involvement and interagency collaboration.

The Research and Surveillance Unit conducts alcohol and drug related surveillance, program evaluation and research, maintains databases, designs research protocols, produces reports, writes scientific articles for peer review journals, and facilitates program and policy development.

Strategies To Operationalize the Prevention of Overdose Death (STOP OD) aims to strengthen NYC's response to the opioid overdose epidemic and reduce overdose deaths. Informed by critical new surveillance and in collaboration with cross-sector partners across levels of government, DOHMH will implement focused prevention and response strategies to reach populations that bear the heaviest burden of opioid use and associated morbidity and mortality.

STOP OD is funded by a one-year (with potential for two additional years) cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control. This position is housed at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in Long Island City.

POSITION OVERVIEW

BADUPCT seeks a Field Responder, reporting to the Field Researcher, to work as part of the Rapid Assessment and Response (RAR) team, as an employee of FPHNYC. The Field Responder will build relationships with community stakeholders and key informants in areas of high need to assess and respond to emerging drug issues, and include: communicating key messages; developing and conducting trainings to people who use drugs as well as community-based organizations, drug treatment providers, and health care providers; assisting with planning, design, and implementation of research investigations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist with investigation planning and design including: selection of methods, recruitment strategies, and analytic plan
- Assist with the development of data collection tools

- Contribute to the processes of collection and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data, collected through rapid investigations
- Assist with field-based activities throughout the five boroughs as part of data-driven rapid response to emerging drug issues
- Deliver naloxone and harm reduction training to people who use drugs and alcohol as well as community-based organizations, drug treatment providers, health care providers and other professionals working with people who use drugs and alcohol
- Assist with the development and execution of community-based responses, including, but not limited to: neighborhood specific educational materials and fact sheets, naloxone and opioid overdose prevention materials, and other health-related strategies
- Maintain detailed records of all field activities
- Summarize findings and prepare reports and publications for internal and external distribution
- Maintain study records and results

QUALIFICATIONS

- A master's degree from an accredited college or university with a specialization in an appropriate field of physical, biological or environmental science or in public health
- Ability to travel citywide throughout the 5 boroughs
- Experience working in a public health, health insurance, healthcare or related setting preferred
- Strong interpersonal skills including excellent verbal communication skills
- Detail oriented and organized
- Proficient using Microsoft Office Excel to manage large datasets
- Knowledge of substance use issues and harm reduction practice and theory, including syringe exchange, overdose prevention and education for HIV and Hepatitis C prevention
- Competency conducting outreach and providing training to people who use drugs and/or the providers who work with them

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

New York City residency is generally required within 90 days of appointment. However, City Employees in certain titles who have worked for the City for 2 continuous years may also be eligible to reside in Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Westchester, Rockland, or Orange County. To determine if the residency requirement applies to you, please discuss with the agency representative at the time of interview.

PREFERRED SKILLS

- Interest in community engagement and conducting field-based research
- Proficiency with qualitative data analysis software such as Dedoose, Atlas ti, or NVivo;
- Experience in research methods

SALARY AND BENEFITS

FPHNYC offers a comprehensive benefits package. The salary range for this position is commensurate with experience and salary history.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is potential for this position to transition to DOHMH and therefore candidates must meet DOHMH eligibility requirement including NYC residency.

TO APPLY

To apply, send Resume, with Cover Letter, including how your experience relates to this position, to publichealthjobs@fphnyc.org. Please indicate "**Field Responder_ your name**" in subject line.

The Fund for Public Health in New York City is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages a diverse pool of candidates to apply.