

HPTN 096 Peer Support Component is seeking peer supporters!

HPTN 096 is a study that will test four interventions that seek to increase HIV testing, the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), and the uptake and adherence to HIV treatment among Black cisgender and transgender men who have sex with men (MSM) living with and without HIV in the southern, United States of America ages 15 and older.

The HPTN 096 study team is seeking peer supporters who possess shared/lived experience with those they will support. Peer supporters will provide motivational, emotional, and informational support. They will also share information on where to locate health services and other resources and provide HIV-related and sexual health information and education.

The following is intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the peer supporter and is not an exhaustive description of all responsibilities, duties, and skills. Appropriate training, education, and professional development will be provided to all peer supporters thus prior experience and knowledge are not required to apply. **Any current or prior life and work experience representative of the target population will be considered.**

Responsibilities:

Activities the **Peer Supporter** will perform include, but are not limited to:

- Provide/facilitate education and support sessions to HPTN 096 peer support program participants. Education and/or support session topic areas may include, but not limited to, sexual health and wellness including HIV prevention, treatment and care, and self-care.
- Plan, implement and report on community engagement, outreach, and promotion activities, through various ways to raise awareness of HPTN 096 and support recruitment for the HPTN 096 peer support program.
- Make appropriate recommendations to current and/or prospective program participants seeking additional support, care services and/or community resources.
- Attend HPTN 096 and associated research trainings, study conference calls and/or other project-related or professional public health conferences or meetings.
- Establish, strengthen, and maintain strong working relationships with local community-based organizations (including implementing partners), a range of health professionals (including social workers, case managers, treatment educators, outreach workers) and other key community stakeholders, including but not limited to, organizations serving Black cisgender and transgender MSM to support program participants resource and/or referral needs and recruitment for the HPTN 096 peer support program.

- In collaboration with the HPTN 096 study team, including the Clinical Counselor, support development and maintenance of a directory of care and support resources and organizations such as medical care providers, STI/HIV counseling and testing providers, AIDS Service/Community-Based Organizations (ASOs/CBOs), faith-based leaders and organizations, etc.
- Participate in related research activities across other HPTN 096 study components, including but not limited to, participating in the Culturally Responsive Intersectional Stigma Prevention (CRISP) training being implemented at healthcare facilities in the local community.
- Monitor and report implementation updates on the progress of program participant interactions (including summarizing support recommendations made to program participants) and engage in debriefings for quality assurance and improvement efforts.
- Possess knowledge of local resources and assistance programs, Black cisgender and transgender MSM-centered health services, and the cost and insurance coverage of medications (PrEP/ART) and medical care.
- Perform other related duties, as assigned, to support the overall implementation of the HPTN 096 peer support program.

Additional Qualifications/Competencies:

- Uphold confidentiality policies and procedures during interactions with program participants.
- Have work experience executing sexual health initiatives or providing HIV peer education, support, or navigation and knowledgeable about basic HIV/AIDS information. *Completion of an HIV or peer education training program is ideal though not required.*
- Basic proficiency using a computer or cell phone/other handheld devices is required.

Travel and Time Requirements/Commitment:

- Travel may include attending HPTN 096 and associated research trainings, and professional local and national public health conferences or meetings, and the conduct of local community engagement events.
- Weekly hours are variable.
- Flexible work schedules and the ability to work evenings/weekends may be required to conduct support sessions, as needed.
- Participant support load may vary and will be monitored and adjusted, as needed over time.
- Duration of each support session may vary depending on program participant preference/need.
- Support may be provided virtually and/or in-person support at the discretion of the peer supporter and program participant.

Pay rate: \$25.00/per hour.

Dedicated weekly commitment estimated to be approximately 10-20 hours.

To apply, send a resume to 096PSstaffing@hptn.org. If you do not have a resume, please complete this short [questionnaire](#).