

## **Van Volunteer**

VAN volunteers assist with the VAN Needle and Syringe Distribution Program through providing needle exchange services, support, education, referrals and other harm reduction strategies to service users who use drugs and are at risk of contracting blood borne or sexually transmitted infections

**Reports to:** Community Engagement Coordinator

**Hours:** 4 hours once or twice a month

### **Responsibilities**

- Travel around Hamilton with harm reduction staff to service users' locations and distribute harm reduction supplies
- Answer phone calls requesting services and coordinate pick-up locations
- Re-stock the van as required
- Provide education, support and referrals to clients (i.e., information on safer drug use and safer sex, HIV, hepatitis C, STIs, etc., referrals to other social services, etc.)
- Attend all van meetings and ongoing training
- Other duties specified by supervisor and other staff

### **Qualifications**

- Experience in a similar position and knowledge on The AIDS Network, HIV/AIDS, and harm reduction preferred, but not required as training will be provided
- Share with the organization its mission, vision, and values
- Comfortable working with people from various marginalized backgrounds in a non-judgemental and empathetic manner
- Strong problem solving, communication, and crisis intervention skills
- Willing to take anonymity of service users seriously and follow confidentiality guidelines
- Current and valid criminal reference check

### **How to apply:**

- Download and complete the application and reference forms here:  
<https://www.aidsnetwork.ca/volunteer>
- Send completed application and reference forms to [cec@aidnetwork.ca](mailto:cec@aidnetwork.ca)