PROJECT SILK INTERN

Mission:
Project SILK provides a safe, healthy, supportive community environment for LGBT youth of color to grow, celebrate, and express themselves. With service providers and community partners, we advocate for our youth to determine the meaning and direction for their own lives.

Program Operations:
Project Silk is a recreation-based, community health space committed to member driven structures and offers unique pathways to service delivery. Project Silk provides STI/HIV testing to increase knowledge of undiagnosed infections; implements behavioral interventions related to positive adult identity development and sexual health education; offers skills-based programming for youth to actualize their goals; and provides linkage to medical care and ancillary services to promote overall wellness within the community we serve.

Functional Definition:
The Project Silk Intern will provide services to youth in life transition through complex resource coordination, enhanced life skills training, housing support, behavioral health linkages, and other necessary domains. This position will aim to increase outcomes coinciding with the program’s overall mission as an HIV prevention and care program targeted towards LGBT youth in communities of color.

Responsibilities and Duties:
1. Provide assistance to youth in navigating complex social service systems, including but not limited to basic needs assistance, health insurance navigation, housing stability, medical, mental health, and employment.
2. Coordinate needs assessments, individualized goals plans, and appropriate linkages with participants.
3. Collaborate with agencies to ensure and enhance continuity of care, through attendance at county meetings, networking with providers, and participation on committees or initiatives as appropriate.
4. Organize, plan, and implement skills-related programming at the Project Silk community space.
5. Generate a content strategy and manage social media accounts with consistent, targeted messaging in line with program goals.
6. Design recruitment strategy and participate in outreach through event planning, networking with house hall/LGBT youth of color communities, and social network strategy implementation.
7. Promote prevention-based methods with best practice approaches related to sexual health, conflict resolution, positive identity development, and decision making skills.

Minimum Qualifications/Position Requirements:
1. MSW student, 2nd Year COSA preferred.
2. Commitment to agency mission and vision.
3. Strong knowledge of and experience with youth communities of color, homeless youth, and GLBTQIA youth communities as well as understanding of harm reduction practices.
4. Ability and willingness to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends.
5. PA Acts 33 and 34 Clearances and FBI Criminal Record Check required.