



**Title:** Sexual Health and LGBTQ Youth Internship

**Reports to:** Manager of Programs

**Department:** Programs Department

**Organization Description:** AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families is the only national organization focused solely on the needs of women, children, youth and families affected by HIV and AIDS. Since our founding in 1994, we have been the leading advocates for the tens of thousands of children, youth and families in the U.S. who are now living longer and healthier lives with HIV and AIDS.

**Internship Description:** The Youth Sexual health Education National Standards of Excellence (Y-SENSE) program has been developed to build the capacity of state and local education agencies, their health agency partners and juvenile justice and correctional centers, alternative schools, and shelters for homeless and runaway youth in high incidence areas. The program will develop local coalitions to ensure effective sexual health promotion policies—including policies and programs inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth—are implemented and maintained in these settings. Working closely with the Y-SENSE Program Manager and other AIDS Alliance staff, the intern will learn about HIV/AIDS and other sexual health-related and youth-related issues, acquire knowledge and skills in domestic HIV/AIDS programmatic work, and gain first-hand experience working in a non-profit setting in our nation's capitol.

**Position Activities:**

- Contribute to the creation and maintenance of a resource bank on sexual health promotion for LGBTQ youth as related to the Y-SENSE program.
- Research and analyze policies, data and existing resources related to LGBTQ youth issues that complement the Y-SENSE program, particularly as they pertain to LGBTQ youth in the correctional system, alternative schools, and shelters for homeless and runaway youth.
- Draft briefing papers, research reports, issue summaries, and articles to support the program managers.
- Assist with programmatic resource development, including research of evidence-based interventions, tools, and best practices in sexual health promotion for LGBTQ youth as related to the Y-SENSE program.
- Assist in the development of factsheets, web pages, assessment tools, presentations and other program materials.
- Attend briefings, lectures, conferences, and other professional development events.
- Provide general administrative and program-related support to the Program Manager and the Programs Department staff.

**Qualifications:** Graduate study in a relevant field (public health, law, public policy, etc) preferred; demonstrated commitment to HIV prevention in high-risk populations, LGBTQ issues and rights, sexual health care, and/or juvenile justice issues; excellent research and writing skills; superb interpersonal and verbal communication skills; strong organizational skills with attention to detail and ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously; and the ability to work with a positive attitude as part of a team. Women, people of color, LGBTQ individuals, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

**Other information:** AIDS Alliance takes pride in providing valuable internships that promote professional careers fighting HIV/AIDS and help prepare and support skilled individuals to work in this challenging and rewarding field. The internship is an unpaid internship experience, but AIDS Alliance staff will work to ensure academic credit is received, if applicable. Interns are expected to work between 15-30 hours per week. The duration of the internship is 4 or more months beginning September 2011. For more information about AIDS Alliance, please visit our web site: <http://www.aids-alliance.org>.

**To Apply:** Please send one-page essay on how interning with AIDS Alliance will support your professional goals over the next three years, 1-2 letters of recommendation, and resume to Shauna Cooper, Manager of Programs, at [scooper@aid-alliance.org](mailto:scooper@aid-alliance.org) or by fax to 202.785.3579 Attn: Sexual Health and LGBTQ Youth Internship.