



Street Outreach Worker

The most effective way to prevent community violence is to coordinate comprehensive, community-based strategy that links various proven public health tools—such as outreach, violence reduction strategy, hospital-based violence intervention programs, and/or trauma-informed care—to essential supports and services.

JOB DUTIES

- Locate people identified as very high risk through the street outreach worker's personal networks, outreach, social media, or other means.
- Engage high-risk people and directly connect them to a life coach.
- Respond to shooting scenes with a gun injury to provide support to victims and their families, ease tension at the scene, offer support to the victim's friends and network, and gather information about the cause of the shooting.
- Visit hospitals to engage recent gunshot victims; offer support and services; discourage retaliation; and build relationships with the victim, their family, and their network.
- Attend community events in neighborhoods with high rates of violence to make a presence and engage high-risk people and groups to offer support.
- Attend funerals of people who were members of active gangs, crews, and other street groups to provide support to families and build relationships with the victim's network.
- Write brief email reports to the street outreach supervisor summarizing each response to a shooting scene, visit to the hospital, or engagement at a community event.
- Visit and occasionally conduct group workshops in local juvenile and adult correctional facilities to build rapport with high-risk people who will be released.
- Initially focus on establishing a positive and trusting relationship with each client by spending in-person time with them.
- Attend all mandatory meetings and trainings, including staff meetings, team meetings, and case conferences.
- Follow all directions and guidance from the street outreach supervisor.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Well-respected in the community, specifically among high-risk people and groups.
- Excellent communication skills, specifically with the high-risk population.
- Experience or training in crisis intervention.
- No pending criminal cases or prior convictions for sexual assault, child abuse, or domestic violence.

This position is a necessary component of community violence intervention strategies including: street outreach programs, hospital-based violence intervention programs, peace fellowships, and crisis management systems.

For more information on this job type, contact the Community-Based Public Safety Collective.