



## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Title:** Social Services Network Coordinator  
**Program:** Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative  
**Classification:** Full Time—Evening & weekend hours as needed to implement project  
**Supervisor:** Acting Director of the Initiative

### **About the Initiative:**

The Pre-Arrest Diversion (PAD) Initiative is the result of the very best thinking and planning that Atlanta/Fulton County has to offer. After a year-long, multi-stake holder planning process, this innovative approach to community safety and public health is moving toward implementation with the launch of a pilot program in July, 2017. The primary goal of a pre-arrest diversion initiative is to redirect people out of the criminal justice system who would be better served by social services and other community based supports. Specially trained officers who have probable cause to make an arrest and believe that the offense is primarily due to mental illness, drug and alcohol addiction, or extreme poverty can offer diversion to the program instead of arrest. The officer would then contact a Care Navigator (employed by the Primary Service Provider) who will come to the scene for intake.

Pre-arrest diversion has a law enforcement component and social services component. To be successful, the Initiative must have a **Social Services Network Coordinator** to oversee the social services component of the program and assure its quality and effectiveness. This position is *not* to conduct the case management but rather to coordinate the various agencies, implement relevant training, and assure excellence of the social services component.

This position is a unique opportunity for the individual who feels passionately about redirecting people out of the criminal justice system and connecting them to the services that can transform their lives and support their path to wellness.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Recruiting and coordinating service providers to participate in a Pre-Arrest Diversion Service Network;
- Coordinating training and information sharing for the Network;
- Managing the contract with the PAD Primary Service Provider (the agency in charge of case management) and ensure strong partnership and alignment with PAD vision and principles;
- Identifying diverse funding streams for social service provision to PAD participants;
- Working to increase and ensure cultural competency (including racial, cultural, gender identity and sexual orientation) among service network members and other service partners;

- Coordinating trainings for local law enforcement on harm reduction and other principles of PAD service delivery;
- Attending monthly Operational Working Group Meetings of the Initiative

**Qualifications:**

- 3-5 years working in the direct services community in Metro Atlanta area, preferably in the areas of substance abuse and/or mental health;
- Understanding of and commitment to the harm reduction philosophy and a non-judgmental approach to people's wellness;
- Experience and passion for working with the on-the-ground service providers who serve our most marginalized residents (including the homeless, people who use drugs, sex workers, and trans and gender non-conforming people);
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- Familiarity with public and private social service funding mechanisms;
- Experience working with formerly incarcerated people and/or trans and LGB people to navigate care systems a big plus;
- Current valid Georgia driver's license, insurance and vehicle.

**Salary Range:** \$45,000-\$50,000 commensurate with experience plus benefits. Professional development opportunities available including training and mentoring in harm reduction and other PAD social service principles.

The Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative is currently a project of the Racial Justice Action Center who is an Equal Opportunity Employer. People of color, the TLGBQ community, and/or individuals who have personal experience with drug use, sex work, HIV, and/or incarceration are strongly encouraged to apply. ***The Racial Justice Action Center does not discriminate based on one's record of incarceration.***

**To apply:** Send a resume and cover letter to [info@rjactioncenter.org](mailto:info@rjactioncenter.org) by February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please put "PAD Network Coordinator" and your name in the subject field