



Acclivus, Inc. is a community health organization, focusing on the health and well-being of individuals living in Chicago's most vulnerable neighborhoods. Acclivus uses an intentional social network to serve vulnerable individuals, primarily those from communities that are disproportionately impacted by compounding barriers to health and success. Acclivus provides resources and support to assist a person with personal and professional growth. The goal is for each person to thrive as they overcome social challenges that may include, but are not limited to: chronic exposure to violence and trauma, poverty, a criminal background, disproportionately high rates of serious health conditions, and limited formal education. Acclivus provides programs and services to address

trauma, decrease health disparities, reduce incarceration, enhance educational opportunities, and increase employment options for individuals and their communities.

Trauma Response Specialist

Position: The Trauma Response Specialist completes in-depth assessments on patient risk for reinjury and opportunities for proactive support towards a patient's individual healthy development. Trauma Response Specialist receive hospital ID badges and provide direct intervention and support to patients treated for violent injuries at local partner hospitals. Trauma Response Specialist intervene in-person to referrals 24/7 generated by hospital staff when a patient is treated for an injury resulting from community violence, specifically gunshot, stabbing, and intentional blunt force trauma. Trauma Response Specialist provide emotional support and crisis intervention to diffuse emotions and encourage the patient to follow a course that will avoid violence or re-injury. Responders conduct initial risk assessments, work with family and friends gathered at the hospital and coordinate with community-based violence prevention staff in impacted Chicago area neighborhoods. The Trauma Response Specialist Reports to the Field Director.

Responsibilities include, without limitation:

- Responds to Traumatic Violent Injury referrals initiated by hospital caregivers related to patients injured by violence. Communicates with patient family members and other visitors to diffuse further violence.
- Understands event dynamics leading to violence involving individuals that have been injured by violence and identifies different approaches for resolving issues in an effective way to prevent violent injury.
- Understands and uses different health education intervention approaches in order to reach a successful community health outcome with populations at-risk for violence based on knowledge of community history and dynamics.
- Collaborates with community-based violence prevention staff to formulate action plans and strategies to help prevent the spread of violence.
- Meets with patients that have been injured by violence as needed to address issues and support recovery.
- Provides supportive intervention to individuals injured by violence and their loved ones to assist in de-escalating situations and preventing spread of violence.
- Develops relationships with key hospital staff to identify issues and support a strong partnership.
- Attend weekly staff meetings with the Field Director and Hospital Response Team.
- Attend monthly all staff meetings with community-based violence prevention staff.
- Monitor and track services provided, document all patient encounters and contacts made on behalf of the patient.
- Maintain records and participant related files, writes reports, composes letters and completes forms, as appropriate.
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications: Applicants must have at least three years' relevant experience with individuals at risk for community violence within the Chicago, Cook County, and state of Illinois communities, including working with coalitions and community groups to address issues impacting vulnerable communities. The successful applicant will have excellent and versatile communication skills, including collaboration with a variety of professional disciplines and one-on-one interactions, work collaboratively, and have strong organizational skills. Applicants must have a good understanding of

the role of service provision in addressing community violence as well as familiarity with the demographics and geographic makeup of at-risk communities and neighborhoods in Chicago and suburban Cook County. Fluency in a second language is a plus. Computer proficiency is required, including familiarity with Microsoft Office applications. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, own or have regular access to a vehicle, and be willing to travel on-call to hospital as referred at any time of day or night, including weekends.

Salary: \$ 47,840 annual salary

Benefits: Comprehensive, competitive benefits package includes: Health insurance; 401(k); Paid time off; Vision insurance; Dental insurance; Life insurance; Paid holidays