



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. In partnership with the Jane Addams Center for Social Policy and Research, 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.

JOB DESCRIPTION

CONNECTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR – Washington Park

The project Coordinator will work for Acclivus Inc. and will take direction from a project advisory board that includes Northeastern Illinois University, law enforcement (2nd District CPD); Washington Park Public Safety Planning Committee (PSPC); Washington Park Residents' Advocacy Council and others. The primary staff position assigned to CONNECTS project @ Washington Park. The overarching goal for the Project Coordinator position is to integrate the resources of people and institutions that influence gun violence and perceptions in the neighborhood to uncover more strategic and effective remedies for safety problems.

The Project Coordinator will be the program staff person tasked with communicating directly with the ICJIA grant (grant funding the position and benefits) monitor.

Job Responsibilities:

- Serve as liaison between residents, NEIU, police, City of Chicago departments, businesses, churches, service agencies, etc. as needed.
- Coordinate the efforts of residents, community organizations, developers and law enforcement to address safety and crime issues and implement Washington Park Public Safety Initiative interventions.
- Mobilize residents and businesses to participate in safety activities through community organizing and other efforts to build more active communication lines between police, prosecutors and neighborhood stakeholders.
- Establish and maintain strong partnerships with all local groups of community-based organizations and service providers on an ongoing basis.
- Organize, in collaboration with residents, local businesses and community-based organizations, and document outcomes related to crime reduction strategies.
- Develop and implement collaborative community events and forums designed to

develop community-based public safety outreach efforts, strategies and community engagement.

- Participate in periodic meetings with the project advisory board to review progress in coordinating, developing and implementation of program strategy.

Required Personal Characteristics:

- Group facilitation skills
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Good analytical, negotiation, and problem-solving skills
- Strong administrative, time and task management skills
- Genuine commitment and sensitivity to residents and community issues
- Ability to work collaboratively with police officers and other law enforcement
- Respect for diversity
- Highly motivated and independent, yet team-oriented
- Must be able to work flexible hours and have reliable transportation
- Computer and other standard professional skills sufficient to prepare written reports, maintain databases, and develop competitive funding applications

Preferred Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in social science or community development field or five years of professional experience in community development.
- Experience working with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures.
- Knowledge of the neighborhood and local institutions is a plus.