

RONNIE GRACE

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To obtain a position that will fully utilize my skills and talents in community health work and advocacy while offering me opportunities to acquire new skills for professional development and career growth.

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

- support group facilitation
- community health work and advocacy
- HIV and STI testing
- HIV adherence counseling
- motivational interviewing
- in-depth qualitative interviewing
- survey administration
- database entry and management
- word processing
- customer reception and relations
- project leadership
- event planning and organizing
- quality improvement
- excellent oral and written communication skills
- flexible, adaptable, and reliable team player
- friendly, outgoing, and motivated to improve community health

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

12/2013 to Current

Program Coordinator

Diverse & Resilient - Milwaukee, WI

December 2013-Present

In addition to below duties, also became responsible for coordinating both the (HIV) Counseling, Testing, and Referral (CTR) program and the Sisters Helping Each other Battle AIDS (SHEBA; transgender women's) support programs and providing one-on-one motivational interviewing for clients in both programs.

April, 2012-December, 2013

Coordinated the (HIV) Counseling, Testing, and Referral (CTR) program; advocated for individual clients' housing, employment, and nutritional need and facilitated linkage to HIV care; supervised team of HIV testing program specialists; managed program resources; organized community focus and special-interest groups; represented Diverse & Resilient as a community liaison for HIV-prevention efforts; and coordinated National HIV Testing Day events and community health fairs.

12/2009 to Current

Co-Founder and Support Group Facilitator

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, WI

Co-founded and lead group discussions for the Men of Color POZ (HIV-positive) empowerment and support group.

06/2011 to 12/2013

Intervention Facilitator

Diverse and Resilient - Milwaukee, WI

Facilitate 3MV (Be Able) intervention for African American Gay, Bisexual and MSM's; serve as primary health promoter by providing outreach services and recruiting for the intervention.

09/2011 to 10/2011

Community Health Worker

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, School of Nursing - Milwaukee, WI

Interviewed and administered health surveys to HIV-positive persons.

09/2007 to 09/2011

Data Collection Manager

Stanford University - Milwaukee, WI

Collected and managed data from Milwaukee Health Services, Mental Health division.

- 09/2005 to 06/2011** **Health Promoter and Facilitator**
Diverse & Resilient - Milwaukee, WI
 Organized community events, lunches, retreats for the LGBT community and volunteers, and volunteered at the local (LGBT) Pride festival.
- 04/2005 to 01/2010** **Health Educator, Facilitator, and Adherence Counselor**
Comprehensive Health and Education (CHE) - Milwaukee, WI
 Facilitated discussions on HIV, AIDS, and other health topics at agency and throughout the community; administered HIV tests; performed testing referrals and counseling; and facilitated community outreach programs.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2016** **Training Certificate:** Building Resilience Through Culturally Appropriate Trauma Informed Care Training.
Black Health Coalition of WI, INC – Milwaukee, WI
- 2014** **Training Certificate:** Trauma-Informed Care: From Theory to Practice
University of Wisconsin-Madison - Madison, WI
- 2013** **Training Certificate:** Transgender 101: Basics of Understanding Transgender Issues for Providers
University of Wisconsin-Madison - Madison, WI
- 2012** **Training Certificate:** Venipuncture Training
Herzing University - Brookfield, WI
- 2012** **Training Certificate:** Personalized Cognitive Counseling
Mississippi STD/HIV Prevention Training Center - Jackson, MS
- 2012** **Training Certificate:** Using Social Networks: A Recruitment Strategy for Counseling, Testing, and Referral
Mid-America STD/HIV Prevention Training Center - Denver, CO
- 2011** **Training Certificate:** Many Men, Many Voices Intervention (Levels I & II)
University of Texas - Chicago, IL
- 2005** **Continuing Education:** HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral Services Program
 New Provider Training
Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program - Madison, WI
- 2005** **Continuing Education:** HIV/AIDS 101
Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program - Madison, WI
- 2005** **Continuing Education:** Basic Counseling Skills for HIV Prevention
Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program - Madison, WI
- 1978** Commercial Acting
San Fernando Valley College - Van Nuys, California, US
- 1977** Liberal Arts, Theatre Arts
University of Milwaukee - Milwaukee, Wisconsin, US

CERTIFICATIONS

- 1976** **High School Diploma**
Washington High School - Milwaukee, Wisconsin, US

2011: Counseling, Testing and Referral recertification training program
 2011: Facilitator Certificate of Completion, Many Men Many Voices (CDC's evidence-based HIV intervention)
 2006: Peer Education Program
 2005: Counseling, Testing and Referral training program

PRESENTATIONS

2015: Guest Lecturer, Biopsychosocial Factors and HIV, Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2014: Guest Lecturer, Graduate Seminar in Nursing and HIV, Department of Nursing, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2014: Featured Guest, "Black Nouveau" (Milwaukee Public Television), World AIDS Day program
2011: Representative, Wisconsin delegation on HIV

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2015: Recipient of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Legends Award
2014: Recipient of the Milwaukee Community Journal Award
2010: Recipient, Community Program Award for my work as facilitator of the Men of Color Empowerment and Support Group
2008: Awarded the Adult Leadership Award, Diverse and Resilient

Regularly profiled in the Wisconsin Gazette; featured in Milwaukee Magazine; and interviewed by the Milwaukee Journal for my personal HIV experiences, knowledge of HIV in the African American Community within Milwaukee, and HIV testing within religious communities.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Black Health Coalition
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
MKE LGBT Community Center
Comprehensive Health and Education

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