

# STAR

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The Newsletter of the STAR Program

The mission of the Special Treatment and Research (STAR) Program is to provide and enhance quality healthcare locally and globally through the integration of treatment, prevention, research, and education.

## MAT WAIVER TRAINING PROGRAM



In 2019, the STAR Program received an award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the amount of \$450,000 over 3 years to conduct the **Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Waiver Training Program (MWTP)**. The MWTP is part of an initiative to train and certify qualified medical professionals in the

administration of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder (OUD). MAT helps people who are dependent on opioids, including prescription painkillers such as oxycodone (Percocet®), OxyContin®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), and fentanyl, as well as heroin, using a U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved medication called buprenorphine, which is also known by the street term “bupe.”

As effective as treatments for other chronic conditions such as diabetes, asthma, and hypertension, substance use treatments that include medication give well-trained providers new tools to fight addiction by expanding the range of treatment options for patients with opioid addiction. These medications help reduce drug use, avoid relapse, achieve and maintain control over behaviors that can lead to relapse, and maintain adherence to other treatment components that lead to sustained recovery (e.g., counseling, lifestyle changes). Opioids have a powerful effect on the brain. Most significantly, they alter reward pathways in the brain, which, in turn, promote cravings for more opioids. The opioid crisis has devastated families and communities across the globe. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 2.1 million people in the U.S. have opioid use disorder, and on average, 130 people die each day from opioid overdose.

In 2019 there were 1,463 unintentional drug overdose deaths in NYC, an increase of 11 deaths from 2018. The rate of overdose death remained the same from 2018 to 2019 (21.2 per 100,000 NYC residents). In 2019, opioids were involved in 83% of overdose deaths. For the third year in a row, fentanyl was the most common substance involved in drug overdose deaths, present in 68% of overdose deaths in 2019. Half (51%) of all overdose deaths in 2019 involved multiple central nervous system depressants, such as alcohol, benzodiazepines, and opioids.

In an effort to expand resources and treatment options to OUD patients, the MWTP aims to increase the number of providers that will apply for the Drug Abuse and Treatment Act (DATA) 2000 waiver (also known as the X-Waiver) and become prescribers of buprenorphine in an office-based setting.

The American Medical Association (AMA) reports that “nearly every state has reported an outbreak or sustained increase in opioid- and other drug-related mortality—particularly from illicitly manufactured fentanyl and fentanyl analogs.” We need to increase the buprenorphine prescriber population now, more than ever. One way to do so is targeting students (medical, physician assistant, and nurse practitioner) who will now be eligible to apply for the waiver once they complete the training, become licensed and have a DEA waiver. Additionally, targeting the faculty at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, who can apply for the waiver and start prescribing immediately upon its receipt.

To date, the MWTP has trained over 463 students (235 medical students,

137 nurse practitioner students, 91 physician assistant students). The program is coordinated by Ayanna Besson, MPH, who is also a doctoral student in epidemiology at SUNY Downstate’s School of Public Health. Additional information about the MWTP can be found at: [www.downstatemattraining.com](http://www.downstatemattraining.com).

### COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:

## GOD’S LOVE WE DELIVER

**God’s Love We Deliver (GLWD)** ([www.glwd.org](http://www.glwd.org)) is the New York City metropolitan area’s leading provider of nutritious, individually tailored meals to people who are too sick to shop or cook for themselves. Founded in 1985 when one woman began delivering food on her bicycle to a man dying from AIDS, GLWD now cooks and delivers over 10,000 meals each weekday, delivering them to clients living with life-altering illnesses in all five boroughs of New York City, Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties, and Hudson County, New Jersey. To date, GLWD has delivered over 25 million medically tailored meals (and over 2.3 million meals in 2021 to date). All of its services are provided free of charge to its clients, their children and to the senior caregivers of its senior clients, without regard to income, and it has never maintained a waiting list. Because GLWD believes that the combination of hunger and serious illness is a crisis, it delivers food within 24 – 48 hours of first being contacted. GLWD is a non-sectarian organization, providing meals with the strong belief of “food as medicine.” To that end, it employs a team of 7 registered dietitians who individually tailor meals to each client’s specific medical requirements. GLWD provides all services by employing a small but dedicated professional staff and with the critical assistance of over 17,000 volunteers annually.



**GOD’S LOVE WE DELIVER.**

**Registered Dietitian Nutritionists**



## PHONE link

Patient Care, Community and Medical Education, and Research Programs are listed below. For more information, please call the numbers listed below or the STAR Program at: (718) 270-2690 OR visit our website at: [www.starprogram.nyc](http://www.starprogram.nyc)

### PATIENT CARE AND SERVICES

#### FOR ADULTS

Outpatient Care at Downstate  
STAR Health Center (SHC) - Downstate:  
(718) 270-3745

Outpatient Care at Brookdale Hospital  
STAR Health Center (SHC) - Brookdale  
(718) 240-8233

Behavioral Health Services:  
(718) 270-3745

Family-Centered Health Care Program:  
(718) 270-2357 or 3745

Mental Health Services:  
(718) 270-3745

#### FOR ADOLESCENTS

Health & Education Alternatives For Teens  
(HEAT) Program:  
(718) 467-4446

#### FOR CHILDREN

Infant and Child Learning Center (ICLC):  
(718) 270-2598

#### COMMUNITY AND MEDICAL EDUCATION

Prevention Services for Adolescents and Young Adults – SUNY Adolescent Education Program (AEP):  
(718) 270-3203

HIV Residency Track:  
(718) 270-6747

Physician Assistant HIV Track:  
(718) 270-4752

#### RESEARCH

MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study:  
(718) 270-4435

### STAR Community Link

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## PROGRAM

# UPDATES

• In April 2021, the STAR Program launched a MetroCard advertising initiative for its NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene funded #GetMeOnPrEP campaign. The initiative features 50,000 branded MetroCards for sale at ten Brooklyn subway stations in the STAR Health Center's (SHC) catchment area. The MetroCards contain phone numbers and QR codes with which to access PrEP and related services.

• STAR Health Center-Brookdale will be adding anoscopy, colon and rectal services to its practice. The physician performing the services is Dr. Jacob Eisdorfer, DO, who joined One Brooklyn Health in March 2020 as a full-time faculty member in the Department of Surgery as a Colon and Rectal Surgeon. Dr. Eisdorfer completed medical school at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, and began his general surgery residency at St. Vincent's – Manhattan. Dr. Eisdorfer completed his general surgery training at SUNY Downstate and completed fellowship training in colon and rectal surgery at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. He is dual board certified in General Surgery and Colon and Rectal Surgery. He also performs general and trauma surgery. He is experienced in both open and laparoscopic techniques. For more information, call 718-240-8233.

• The STAR Program presented four abstracts at SUNY Downstate's first Patient Safety and Quality Fair on March 17, 2021.

- 1) The Power of HIV Treatment and Prevention Content Across Multiple Platforms in Engaging the Community. Authors: Jose Iorio; Magna A. Robinson, MA, LMHC, CASAC, ICADC, ADS; and Jameela J. Yusuff, MD, MPH, MSHCDL, FACP, CPPS;
- 2) Promoting Patient Safety through Social Media During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Creating a Call to Action Utilizing Innovative Strategies. Authors: Jose Iorio; Magna A. Robinson, MA, LMHC, CASAC, ICADC, ADS; and Jameela J. Yusuff, MD, MPH, MSHCDL, FACP, CPPS;
- 3) The Impact of an Emoji's Patient Satisfaction Survey as a System Thinking Quality Improvement Tool. Authors: Jameela J. Yusuff, MD, MPH, MSHCDL, FACP, CPPS; Michelle Melendez, MS, LCSW, CASAC; and Yolene Gousse, DrPH, MPH;
- 4) Reducing Cycle Time of Initial HIV Visits Using Lean Methodology. Authors: Jameela J. Yusuff, MD, MPH, MSHCDL, FACP, CPPS; Michelle Melendez, MS, LCSW, CASAC; and Christopher Jimenez, LMHC, CASAC.

• A number of STAR Program study participants in the NIAID-funded Women's Interagency HIV Study (now MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study (CCS)) participated in "I'm Still Surviving," a digital exhibition featuring women's stories about HIV in text and in audio form and photographs (see <https://still-surviving.net>). The exhibit was launched on December 1, 2020, in honor of World AIDS Day. I'm Still Surviving is a collaborative digital and print exhibition featuring hundreds of excerpts documenting the stories of 39 women living with HIV in the U.S. These stories illustrate, in minute detail, the women's collective experiences—illnesses, violence, and loss, alongside joy, growth, and success. The I'm Still Surviving project is led by Jennifer Brier, PhD, a professor of Gender and Women's Studies and History at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she is largely focused on sexuality, gender history, and public history. The project expanded from Chicago to Brooklyn and North Carolina in part through funding from the MAC AIDS Foundation. Interviews with some of the participants were featured in The Body (<https://www.thebody.com/article/still-surviving-exhibition-oral-history-women-hiv>) in January 2021. Print editions for each location of the project will be available soon for on-demand printing and/or download.



Book covers from upcoming print editions of "I'm Still Surviving," which the creators plan to make available for on-demand printing or download in 2021. Courtesy of Jennifer Brier.



## GRANT AWARD

The STAR Program received an award of \$968,750 over 3 years from Public Health Solutions, on behalf of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of HIV, to implement evidence-based interventions that will respond to the unique needs of Black and Latinx older people with HIV (ages 50+). The program, known as “**Building Equity: Intervening Together for Health (BE InTo Health)**” (Taylor, PI) will identify geriatric impairments in primary HIV care, and conduct outreach, recruitment, linkage to care at the STAR Health Center, immediate ART initiation, and engagement and retention activities, in order to improve HIV care continuum outcomes among enrolled older adults with HIV.

## JOB OPENINGS

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calls are routed appropriately. Ensure and update all patient demographic information in the electronic medical record system. Conduct missed appointment follow-up. Participate in quality improvement and PCMH tracking measure projects. Greet patients. Communicate with other health care facilities regarding transfer of medical records, ensuring signed consent for all patient information. Ensure the maintenance of all office equipment. Complete requisitions and follow-up to ensure timely delivery of supplies. Order and maintain inventory of medical and office supplies. **Required Qualifications:** HS Diploma with at least 5 years of experience or AA degree with minimum 2 years in a clinic/medical office/health care setting. Must be proficient in current computer applications software, including Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint). Must be comfortable working with HIV/HCV positive and LGBTQ populations. Must be available to work Monday/Wednesday evenings. Strong computer, verbal, organizational, interpersonal and decision-making skills. **Preferred:** Bachelor's degree. **Hours:** Full-time, M-F, 9:00am to 5:00pm, 37.5 hours per week. **Salary Range:** \$37,00.000 - \$45,000.00 DOE. To apply, send cover letter and resume to: [jessica.yager@downstate.edu](mailto:jessica.yager@downstate.edu)

## FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATES

**Alexsia Avila** has been promoted to Prevention Specialist for the NYS Department of Health funded Personal Responsibility Education Project (PREP) of the STAR Program's Adolescent Education Program (AEP). Ms. Avila is responsible for AEP's social media platforms, evidence-based workshops, and community outreach initiatives. She is a graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School and is currently attending New York City College of Technology of CUNY, where she is completing her bachelor's degree in computer science systems.

**Ayanna Besson, MPH**, coordinator of the STAR Program's Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Waiver Training Program, was recently named a recipient of the SUNY Downstate School of Public Health's prestigious merit-based Lenard and Christine Szarek Fellowship Award for Spring 2021. Ms. Besson, a graduate of Susquehanna University (BS, Biology) and the University of New England (MPH), is currently a doctoral student in epidemiology (DrPH) at SUNY Downstate.

**Eusica Edmond, MPH** joined the STAR Program in April 2021 as a Prevention Navigator in the PEP/PreP Program. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Health Science and Master of Public Health degrees from Long Island University, Brooklyn campus. She previously worked for a non-profit organization implementing a Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention evidence-based program. Additional professional experiences include HIV research, international research on health perceptions, LGBTQ program management and youth counseling.



**Lori Hurley, MPH, PhD**, Assistant Director of Care Coordination, was awarded her PhD in social work from Fordham University in May 2021. The title of her dissertation was “Voice, Influence and Belonging: HIV Community Health Workers’ Lived Experience on the Interdisciplinary Health Team.”

**Maritza Husband** joined the STAR Program in February 2021 as a Data Entry Clerk. Prior to joining STAR, Ms. Husband was an entitlement specialist at the Vocational Instruction Project (a methadone clinic) in the Bronx. She has over twenty years of experience working in the medical field helping patients apply for and resolve issues with their health insurance, and has New York State of Health navigator certification.

**Pamela Kirlaw, BS**, was recently promoted to the position of Care Manager for the Rapid Start Initiative at STAR Health Center-Brookdale. Ms. Kirlaw joined Brookdale Hospital Medical Center as an HIV Tester and Counselor in 2007 and transitioned to being a Linkage to Care Patient Navigator when the FOCUS Program was implemented in 2019. In her new role, she is responsible for assessing client barriers to linkage and retention, developing strategies to overcome client barriers, assisting clients with obtaining rapid treatment and needed services, and maintaining communication with the client and other health care teams to improve quality of care. Ms. Kirlaw has a bachelor's degree in Biology and taught science at the middle and high school levels for ten years prior to joining Brookdale.

**Marc Liff, LMSW, CASAC** joined the STAR Program in May 2021 as a Counselor with the Harm Reduction Program. Prior to joining STAR, Mr. Liff was a Behavioral Health Specialist in a SAMHSA-funded program within Interfaith Medical Center's HIV primary care department, working with patients with mental illness and/or substance use disorders providing crisis intervention, case management, and individual and group counseling. He also worked for the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and the NYC Department of Probation, as well as the Fortune Society in their HIV housing division. Mr.

Liff graduated with a BA in political science/history from New York University, an MA in political science/urban policy from Brooklyn College, and an MSW from Fordham University. He is currently completing his postgraduate certificate in Advanced Clinical Practice from New York University.

**Isabelle Louis, LMSW** joined the STAR Program in April 2021 as the Supportive Counseling & Family Stabilization Services (SCG) Program Coordinator. Prior to joining STAR, Ms. Louis worked for Housing Works, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fighting AIDS and homelessness. She is a licensed social worker who is excited to bring her experience and passion for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) to her work with clients and coworkers alike. She holds a BA in English Literature and Gender Studies from Mount Holyoke College and earned her MSW from the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College.

**Veluzka Ortiz, BS** joined the STAR Program in April 2021 as a Patient Navigator on the care coordination team. Prior to joining STAR, Ms. Ortiz was a patient navigator at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, where she provided patient education and liaison services to help avoid unnecessary admissions and emergency department visits. She has additional experience as a bilingual Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) care coordinator at Mount Sinai Hospital and as a bilingual community case manager serving the elderly population at a naturally occurring retirement community (NORC) in Brooklyn. Ms. Ortiz has a bachelor's degree in human services from Boricua College and is completing a master's degree in human services at Boricua College. She was born at SUNY Downstate's University Hospital of Brooklyn!

**Kadean Peart, MSW** joined STAR Health Center-Brookdale as a social worker in April 2021, following the completion of an internship there which began in September 2018. Having graduated from Medgar Evers College with her Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW) in 2019, she went on to receive her Master of Social Work at Adelphi University in 2020. She has 2 years of experience working with diverse populations as a hospital social worker. Ms. Peart is continuously seeking to sharpen her skills while broadening her knowledge. She is currently studying to obtain licensure as a licensed master social worker.

**Tracey Wilson, PhD**, Distinguished Service Professor of Community Health Sciences, was appointed as Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs and Research at SUNY Downstate's School of Public Health. In this role, Dr. Wilson will provide leadership in faculty initiatives that contribute to the strategic priorities of the School of Public Health. This includes development, implementation, and review of policies and procedures relating to faculty appointments and promotion, annual faculty review, and faculty mentoring and career development programs. In addition, she will oversee development and implementation of a research strategic plan for the School of Public Health, develop guidelines and oversee coordination of grant submissions; and support the School in responding to public health research priorities and in expanding interdisciplinary research efforts to improve the health and well-being of the populations that the school serves.

**Jameela Yusuff, MD, MPH, MSHCDL, FACP**, Associate Professor of Medicine and STAR Program Medical Director from 2013 to 2021, was appointed Chief Medical Officer of University Hospital of Brooklyn effective April 2021. In her new role, Dr. Yusuff will drive efforts to implement state-of-the-art credentialing processes, new patient safety oversight protocols, and forward-looking outcome and quality management standards. She will continue some of her clinical duties at the STAR Health Center. Dr. Yusuff began working at SUNY Downstate in 2006 as a clinician for the STAR Program she would eventually lead as its Medical Director. She has championed various academic and clinical initiatives, including achieving and maintaining the National Committee for Quality Assurance's Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition, SUNY Downstate's Organizational HIV Care Cascade, and overseeing the Internal Medicine HIV Residency and Physician Assistant Residency Tracks. Dr. Yusuff was succeeded by Jessica Yager, MD, MPH, Attending Physician at SHC-Downstate and Chief of Service at STAR-Brookdale.

## JOB OPENINGS

### Attending Physician/Clinical Assistant Professor

The STAR Program is seeking a highly motivated physician to join our distinguished team in providing HIV primary care. The candidate will have opportunities to provide Hepatitis C treatment, LGBTQ+ care, buprenorphine treatment, STI care and biomedical interventions (PrEP/PEP). A successful candidate will demonstrate leadership skills, strong clinical capability, and will be eligible for appointment at the Clinical Assistant Professor level. Highlights of the position include:

- Provide primary care in a highly resourced multi-disciplinary environment
- Lead and mentor medical students and residents
- Opportunity to engage in clinical research and quality improvement in an academic environment
- Participate in scholarly activities with faculty members, students, residents, and fellows
- Opportunity to work and live in the growing, culturally rich community of Brooklyn, NY.

**Requirements:** M.D. with board certification in internal medicine and a minimum of three years of experience providing HIV care. Effective written, verbal, and interpersonal skills. Two years of experience in the supervision of clinical staff preferred. Experience in treating Hepatitis C preferred. To apply, submit CV and cover letter with salary requirements to: Jack A. DeHovitz, MD, MPH, MHCDS, FACP, Distinguished Service Professor and Director, STAR Program, jack.dehovitz@downstate.edu

### Staff Associate/STAR Health Center (SHC) Operations Manager

**Duties:** Oversee and coordinate all day-to-day patient care activities and operations at SHC-Downstate to ensure optimal patient experience. Work with staff across disciplines to ensure smooth patient flow, including room assignment, timely start and end of sessions, and interventions as needed for effective patient care. Ensure compliance with internal policies and regulatory requirements (e.g., NYS Department of Health, Joint Commission, NCQA). Directly supervise nursing, nutrition and clerical staff. Oversee all physical plant issues, ensuring efficient front desk management, supplies, and equipment. Participate in CQI program leadership. Address consumer requests/complaints through discussion, arbitration, conflict resolution and collaboration with UHB Patient Relations. Oversee management of the EHR, coordination with institutional IS, registration and billing departments, and lab. Work closely with investigators to ensure integration of clinical research into the SHC. Facilitate integration of clinical training into STAR service delivery system (i.e., ID fellows, residents, PA students). Participate in program development to promote efficient and effective service delivery, including submission of progress reports to funders, participation in budget development and assistance with grant writing, as needed. Serve as primary liaison with UHB administration to ensure compliance with institutional policies and procedures. Represent STAR on internal and external committees to promote quality patient care and STAR services in the community. Participate in community-based outreach to encourage screening and care. **Required Qualifications:** Bachelors' degree in nursing, health care administration, public health or related field. Minimum 3 years' supervisory experience in ambulatory care. Experience with MSM, LGBTQ and gender non-conforming persons, sex workers, HIV

and HCV+ individuals, substance users and/or other high-risk populations. Effective written and verbal skills. Experience with EHR and Microsoft Office Applications. **Preferred Qualifications:** Master's degree in health care administration, public health or related field preferred. Management experience in an academic medical center preferred. **Hours:** M-F; some M/W evenings (37.5 hrs./wk.). **Salary Range:** \$70,000-110,000. To apply, send cover letter and resume to: Jessica.yager@downstate.edu

### Clinical Research Associate/Interviewer

**Duties:** Obtain informed consents and administer study questionnaires. Assist clinicians with study exams and specimen collection. Process study specimens according to study protocols for local repository. Collect patient specimens and other study related data as per study protocol. Contact subjects to schedule appointments as per established procedures. Assist with verifying specimens and preparing periodic shipments of delivery by overnight mail to central laboratories. Stock study clinic supplies and assist with tracking of lab results. Attend project-related meetings. **Required Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree in health, social services or science field. Minimum 1 year experience working with people in a health care or research setting. Excellent interpersonal skills. **Preferred Qualifications:** Spanish speaking. Prior work experience in ambulatory care setting. Ability to perform vital signs, phlebotomy (certification required) and experience with processing clinical specimens. Previous work with HIV/AIDS population. Proficiency in Word and Excel. **Hours:** Full-time, Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, 37.5 hours per week (some evenings required). **Salary Range:** \$40,000-42,000. To apply, send cover letter and resume to: susan.brockmann@downstate.edu

### Senior Counselor

**Duties:** Provide evaluation, assessment, intervention and counseling services to inpatients and outpatients identified as having problems related to drug or alcohol. Conduct individual and group counseling sessions for patients on the issues of chemical dependency and drug use, mental health disorders and integrating Seeking Safety into the treatment when appropriate. Conduct comprehensive intake and assessments on clients needing mental health and/or substance abuse care, develop comprehensive treatment plans reassessments. Record session notes and patient follow-up in the electronic health record and database systems as required by funders. Maintain close collaboration with MDs for those patients receiving Buprenorphine treatment. Maintain close collaboration with offsite treatment providers through phone follow-up. Participate in interdisciplinary case conferences & mental health meetings and serve as a resource for staff & patients on chemical dependency & treatment. Ensure referral for services not available on-site, such as inpatient detox and methadone & maintain collaboration with providers through phone follow-up. Participate in community-based outreach activities. **Required Qualifications:** NYS licensed social worker or mental health counselor. Experience with harm reduction and relapse prevention counseling and time effective, solution-focused and cognitive behavioral treatment models. Experience with dually diagnosed population and group counseling skills. Effective written, organizational and interpersonal skills. **Preferred Qualifications:** Experience with HIV+ populations. Bilingual in English/Spanish. Familiarity with Buprenorphine treatment. Experience with integration of Seeking Safety intervention. Experience using electronic health records. CASAC or CASAC

eligible. **Hours:** Full-time, Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm, 37.5 hours per week. **Salary Range:** \$55,000-\$67,000 BOE. To apply, send cover letter and resume to: christopher.jimenez@downstate.edu

### Counselor

**Duties:** Work with patients, families, peer advocates and mental health providers, to develop comprehensive service plans for clients with mental health and substance use disorders. Provide individual and group counseling, both on-site and remotely as needed, for clients regarding issues of chemical dependency, HIV and HCV prevention, and trauma. Refer patients for "wrap-around"/recovery support services such as housing, childcare, vocational, educational services. Coordinate service plans with behavioral health service providers and community-based organizations providing services to clients. Contribute to patients' care plan development by regular attendance at case conferences; participate in ongoing quality improvement activities. Administer mental health and substance use screening tools and conduct patient interviews in accordance with SAMHSA protocols. Record session notes and patient follow-up in the electronic health record (EHR). **Required Qualifications:** NYS licensed social worker (LMSW/LCSW) or mental health counselor (LMHC); 3 years' experience with substance abuse counseling, harm reduction and relapse prevention counseling and time effective, solution-focused and cognitive behavioral treatment models. 2 years' experience in the treatment of trauma. Must be proficient with Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Office Suite. **Preferred:** CASAC or CASAC-T preferred. Previous training in Motivational Interviewing and/or Seeking Safety strongly preferred. Experience in the provision of counseling to LGBTQ and gender nonconforming populations and incarcerated and/or formerly incarcerated strongly preferred. Bilingual English/Spanish or English/Creole preferred. Experience with an EHR preferred. **Hours:** Full-time, M-F, 9:00am to 5:00pm, 37.5 hrs. per week, including some evenings and occasional weekends. **Salary Range:** \$55,000.00 - \$63,000.00. To apply, send cover letter and resume to: christopher.jimenez@downstate.edu

### Midwife

**Duties:** Provide prenatal/postpartum care to low OB risk women as part of Family Focused HIV Care Program (FFHCP). Attend FFHCP interdisciplinary team meetings and maintain program patient care spreadsheet. Provide gynecological assessment of women with or at risk for HIV infection. Complete study-related procedures as required by MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study protocol. Consult, provide appropriate interventions (e.g., prescriptions, education, referral) and document in medical records. **Required Qualifications:** NY State Licensed Nurse Practitioner, Midwife or Physician Assistant. Minimum 4 years' experience in primary and/or obstetrical/gynecological care. **Preferred:** Minimum of 2 years' experience in HIV care and/or clinical research. **Hours:** Full-time, M-F, 9:00am to 5:00pm, 37.5 hours per week. **Salary Range:** \$115,000.00 - \$119,000.00. To apply, send cover letter and resume to: susan.brockmann@downstate.edu

### Secretary II

**Duties:** Schedule patient appointments in electronic scheduling system; ensure patient appointments are coordinated across disciplines and with research studies. Help maintain patient flow by ensuring frequent communication with staff. Perform tele phone triage, assessment, and ensure patient phone

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