

HERIZEN PEER PROGRAM

Tips if you are interested:

- *Participate in CITIWIDE support groups and other activities*
- *Let staff and peers know who you are and express your interest*
- *Visit the peer program on the 2nd floor*
- *Talk to peers and ask them about their experiences with the program.*



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What is Herizen?

Herizen is a women's training program for peers that consist of two phases: a training phase and an internship phase.

The training:



Takes place twice a week for 8 weeks, usually Tues & Thur from 10am to 2pm.

Every Friday there is a group meeting for one hour, at 3pm.

Some of the topics covered in training are:

Harm Reduction, Cultural and Sexual Issues, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, Microbicides, Domestic Violence & more...

Trainees will receive carfare, lunch and a stipend for each training they attend.

The internship:

After completion of the training phase, peers begin a **24 -week** internship where they will be providing outreach at SROs, co-facilitating support groups, making presentations, advocacy & more...

Interns work 15 hours a week and are compensated for their time.



Who can apply?

All CITIWIDE female and transgender who identify as female are encouraged to apply.

When can I apply?

Herizen has two cycles per year. One usually starts at the end of January and the next one in July. Two months before each cycle you can ask your Case Manager for an application.

What is the process?

After the deadline, we hold a Case Conference and go over all the applications. A minimum of 20 candidates are selected for an interview.

Candidates are then interviewed by staff and peers and together they select 10 candidates for the next Cycle.

