

SAVE OUR STREETS



**Save Our Street (S.O.S.)
Violence Interrupter
Job Description**

The Center for Court Innovation is seeking **Violence Interrupters** for its **Save Our Streets (S.O.S.)** program. The Center for Court Innovation, a project of the Fund for the City of New York, is a unique public-private partnership that promotes new thinking about how courts and criminal justice agencies can aid victims, change the behavior of offenders, and strengthen communities.

The *Save Our Streets* (S.O.S.) program in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood is a replication of the Chicago Project for Violence Prevention's evidence-based *Cure Violence* program, a cutting-edge gun violence prevention model that aims to reduce and prevent shootings through the use of public health strategies. *S.O.S.* is a coordinated strategy to address local shootings. The Center for Court Innovation currently operates S.O.S. programs in Crown Heights, Brooklyn and Mott Haven, South Bronx.

Violence Interrupters will work individually and as a team to prevent neighborhood shootings and killings. They provide conflict mediation services and serve as conduits to the program's Outreach Workers.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Work to intervene in circumstances in which gun violence is likely, including possible retaliation.
- Identify youth who at-risk for being involved in violent activities and assist them.
- Learn about the causes of shootings/killings in order to assist in mediating situations and preventing retaliation between individuals and groups (e.g., working with the community, outreach programs to gain information that may be helpful in preventing additional killings).
- Form relationships with the highest risk people in the community, as well as the people who know them
- Conduct outreach to the community (individually and as a team member) to build strong relationships with youth, residents, businesses, and community groups
- Talk to residents in the area of Bed-Stuy that includes the Marcy Greene and Louis Armstrong Houses about potential conflicts and assist in preventing them
- Participate in organizing responses to shootings and increasing visibility when shootings/killings take place
- Work with community partners to identify and diffuse "hot spots" for shootings and violence
- Report to the S.O.S. Outreach Worker Supervisor and keep him/her informed of all relevant community activities
- Document all contacts with high-risk individuals
- Document shootings and other acts of violence that are prevented
- Respond to shootings in other communities, when necessary
- Distribute public education materials to targeted audience

- Distribute information about community events and important resources
- Attend all program trainings
- Attend and help facilitate community events and shooting responses
- Attend weekly staff meetings and other team meetings as required

Qualifications

- An in-depth knowledge of Bedford- Stuyvesant in particular the target area
- Experience working with at-risk youth and gang members
- Reside within and are familiar with the Bedford -Stuyvesant area preferred
- Knowledge of the street sets, crews, gangs and or groups
- Able to walk 30 blocks or more on a regular basis
- Able to pass a drug screening
- Ability to work a flexible schedule that includes late evenings, weekends and holidays
- Committed to working toward positive community change
- No pending criminal cases or prior convictions for sexual assault, child abuse or domestic violence
- Excellent communication skills
- Experience or training in crisis intervention

Position Type: Part-time (approx. 21 hours/week); requires evening, late night, and weekend and holiday hours

Compensation: Competitive salary. Excellent benefits.

To Apply:

STEP 1:

Write a cover letter that tells us:

- The position(s) you are applying for
- How you learned about the position
- The reason you are qualified for this position

STEP 2:

EMAIL your Resume & Cover Letter to HR@courtinnovation.org; Subject: "Bedford- Stuyvesant Violence Interrupter"

Submission Deadline: Monday, May 12th, 2014

The Fund for the City of New York/Center for Court Innovation is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

To learn more about this program: soscrownheights.org or sossouthbronx.org