



FIRST STEP ACTION FOR CHILDREN INITIATIVE

Job Title: Case Manager

Location: Makurdi Benue State

Application Date: 09/07/2024

Reporting to: Program Officers

First Step Action for children initiative is a child focused organization registered with the cooperate affairs commission with the headquarters in Makurdi, Benue State Nigeria. The organization works for the upliftment of the poor, marginalized and the disadvantaged communities on orphans and vulnerable children below 18years and their caregivers by increasing access to resources, education and skill acquisition in a sustainable manner. It is currently implementing a project supported by APIN Public Health Initiative for Accelerated Comprehensive Aids Response for Epidemic Control and Sustainability (aCARES). The organization is currently seeking the service of community case managers/service provider.

Minimum Qualification: OND, NCE, HND or Degree in social science

Experience: 1-3 years. Persons with experience in OVC programming are an advantage. ability to use computer is a prerequisite for engagement.

Duties/Assignment:

The Case Manager will:

- Draw up case management plan to decide what services are needed by the enrolled households and their children.
- Organize group meetings and facilitate all **APIN aCARES** activities at various IP communities.
- Provision of age appropriate and gender sensitive services for enrolled vulnerable households and their children. These services include Health, Education, Psychosocial support, Shelter and Care, Legal Protection, Nutrition and HES and ensure that all services provided and activities carried out are well documented in the APIN aCARES approved data capturing tools.
- Escort identified HIV positive caregivers/children and Gender base violence clients to treatment facilities.
- Mobilize enrolled caregivers and children to attend all the meetings supported by APIN aCARES project such as ; VSLA, Child protection committees and Child protection network meetings.
- Ensure same day Linkage/ Enrolment into ART for the newly diagnosed HIV positive children and their caregivers from community to APIN supported facilities
- Conduct regular home visits to ensure the clients under their care go for clinical appointments (Drug refills) and adherence to ARV drugs for achievement of VL suppression.
- Ensure all ALHIV are enrolled at youth friendly and competence centers, linked to adolescent group meetings, adolescent VSLA's and support OTZ activities for AYPLHIV(10-24years)
- Conduct disclosure counseling support for eligible HIV positive adults and adolescents
- Support eligible HIV positive children and caregivers to access differentiated Model of Care Multi-Month Dispensing (MMD), Community ART Re-fill Clubs (CARC).

- Receive list of IIT(Interruption in Treatment) clients from health facilities for contact tracing and return back to treatment.
- Refer to adherence counseling support, importance of VL assessment (U=U) during home visits for HIV positive children and caregivers to ensure and monitor viral load sample collection based on enrolled beneficiaries eligibility, track viral load result collection.
- Develop baseline assessment on VL status with beneficiaries, have a remedial plan and share/interpret VL results with clients and its implication to their health and wellbeing
- Facilitate the transition of all enrolled beneficiaries to preferred TLD-ART regime
- Provide home level drug adherence support and mentorship on zero missed appointment for timely uptake of EID support from the APIN focal persons and health facility officials.
- Tracking and identified highly HIV exposed infants for placement on dual prophylaxis before 72 hours post delivery. The lookout for positive pregnant mothers at facility and community level who; registered for ANC and placed on treatment less than 4 weeks to 32-26 weeks of gestational period, who are unsuppressed at 32-36 weeks, identified positive during delivery and during post partum period.
- Conduct contact tracing of all pregnant women at the community level, who have not registered for ANC
- Case managers to endure TB screening of positive children and adults during drug refill visit, track initiation and adherence to TB preventive therapy (TPT) at facility and home level, working closely with APIN.
- Facilitate related immunization against childhood diseases for all HIV exposed infants at facility level.
- Facilitate treatment of other minor illnesses; Malaria, Cholera, Malnutrition, Measles etc.

Method of Application: interested and qualified applicants should submit handwritten application letter with attached credentials at No 43 New Bridge Road (Adjacent GT Bank)

Closing Date: 10/07/2024