Senior Technical Advisor - Drug Use Epidemiology and Data
Overdose Prevention Program

Vital Strategies

Vital Strategies, headquartered in New York City, is an international public health organization. Our programs strengthen public health systems and address the world's leading causes of illness, injury and death. We currently work in 73 countries, supporting data-driven decision making in government, advancing evidence-based public health policies and mounting strategic communication campaigns. Vital Strategies' priorities are driven by the greatest potential to improve and save lives. They include non-communicable disease prevention, cardiovascular health promotion, tobacco control, road safety, obesity prevention, epidemic prevention, environmental health, vital statistics systems building and Multi-drug resistant tuberculosis treatment research. Our programs are concentrated in low- and middle-income countries and cities in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific. Please visit our website at www.vitalstrategies.org to find out more about our work.

Vital Strategies is seeking to add expertise in drug strategy, with specific focus on overdose prevention at the state, county, municipal and local level.

The Position

Vital Strategies is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Senior Technical Advisor - Drug Use Epidemiology and Data, for the Overdose Prevention Program.

Vital Strategies is funding projects and providing technical assistance tailored to the overdose epidemic on the ground in specific U.S. states. We are assisting local partners in reforming policy, innovating programs, mobilizing communities, and improving their capacity for public health data surveillance and analysis to develop and monitor interventions that reduce overdose deaths. The Senior Technical Advisor will be responsible for data-related efforts for the Overdose Prevention Program.

This posting is for **work to be conducted remotely**, while reporting back to the core program staff in New York City. Some domestic travel will be required for onsite engagement, technical assistance, and coaching/mentorship activities.

Specific Duties

- Support, guidance, and technical assistance to city-, county-, and state-level governments for drug use data sources, analytics, coordination, and integration
- Design, development, and presentation of drug epidemiologic reports for local and state jurisdictions of interest, including topical analyses and comprehensive reports
- Conceptualization, development, and presentation of drug use indicator framework, technical guidance reports, and other data-focused documents
- Design and analytic support for project-related evaluation efforts, including coordination with Vital Strategies initiative partners at Johns Hopkins University

- Mentoring and coaching of Vital Strategies staff embedded within city, county, state agencies to support data-related projects
- Other tasks as assigned

Qualifications and Skill Set

- Graduate degree in public health or other relevant field with an additional 15 years relevant work experience; or
- Terminal degree in public health or other relevant field with an additional 5 years relevant work experience
- Familiarity with policy landscape and factors impacting substance use and overdose
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to coach, mentor, train individuals or small teams in data analytics skills and evaluation design

How to Apply

Please send CV and a cover letter, including salary expectations, to hr@vitalstrategies.org indicating the position applied for in the subject line. Closing date for applications is **September 6th**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Vital Strategies offers highly competitive compensation and comprehensive benefits. Vital welcomes and supports a diverse, inclusive work environment. As such, our commitment is to promote equal employment opportunities (EEO) for all applicants seeking employment.

Candidates must be legally eligible to work in the U.S.