



The Neil A. Christie LIVING CENTER

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Organizational Profile

The Living Center is a program of The Health Trust of Santa Clara County and is a community of peers providing a safe environment to promote optimum health and well-being for people living with HIV/AIDS. The Living Center promotes physical, emotional and social health in the HIV community by providing a safe place for patrons to experience social interaction, assuring a continuum of care through collaboration with existing agencies, promoting equal access for ethnic minority and other hard-to-reach communities, and preventing the spread of HIV through education and use of harm-reduction principle.

SCU Student's Role

SCU students may schedule their visits according to the Participation Schedule. Bilingual speakers, especially in Spanish, Mandarin, and Filipino dialects are especially welcome. The Living Center event calendar is in regular need of fun and informative activities to enrich the lives of the clientele. SCU students will be expected to tap into their own unique skills, interests or talents to offer a group activity with clients. Examples of group activities include teaching an art class, playing a board game, or organizing a structured recreational/movement activity. These examples may also be possible in individual settings with clients depending on turnout for a particular event. Students with flexible schedules may have opportunities to adjust their weekly schedule in order to participate in newly-planned activities. Students must be at least 18 years old to participate at the Living Center. Student must wear name badges while in the building (name badges will be given on the first placement day).

To Do Before Orientation

- Visit the website listed above to learn more about your placement or the umbrella organization with which it is affiliated.
- Read your course syllabus and be prepared to discuss your learning goals with your placement supervisor at orientation.
- Student assignments will be discussed at the orientation. Please come with some suggestions for a group activity that you would like to facilitate.

To Do Before Beginning Your Placement

- Must receive training on HIV 101 (covered at orientation).
- Take a short online tutorial from The Health Trust (instructions will be given at orientation).