

HEALING TO ACTION

Bilingual Base-building and Leadership Development Organizer

Location: Chicago, IL

Position Type: Full-time; Salaried

Salary: 50-55k, DOE

Benefits: Competitive and comprehensive benefits include 100% employer-paid health, dental, and vision coverage for employees; a 403(b) match up to 3%; generous PTO policy; short-term disability; life insurance; remote work options; professional development, and more.

Reports to: Co-director

Timeline: Position open until filled.

About the Opportunity

Founded in 2016, Healing to Action is a young, dynamic organization that is creating a new model of survivor-led organizing. Our mission is to end gender-based violence through building the leadership and collective power of the communities most impacted—survivors from Black, indigenous, immigrant, and communities of color; low-income survivors; survivors with disabilities, immigrant survivors, and LGBTQ survivors. We combine organizing, healing justice, leadership development, and capacity-building to collaborate with survivors in developing powerful solutions that address the intersections of gender-based violence, racial oppression, and economic injustice. HTA's innovative model has gained distinction for putting power back in the hands of marginalized communities, and made a compelling case for the transformative change that survivors are uniquely positioned to lead.

Healing to Action is hiring a bilingual Base-building and Leadership Development Organizer to support in developing a powerful network of leaders who can provide support to marginalized survivors and initiate creative grassroots campaigns to reduce the prevalence of gender-based violence in their communities. The Organizer will combine strategies of peer support, base-building and leadership development to build strong and thriving relationships between survivors, recruit survivors from impacted communities to join HTA's programs, and develop supportive resources to sustain survivors' leadership in their communities. This role will work closely with HTA's Campaign Organizer to sustain survivors' leadership in community-based campaigns and ensure that HTA's model of survivor-led organizing is healing and transformative for all program participants.

Core Responsibilities

Leadership Development

- Support in planning, implementation, and evaluation of Healing Generations leadership development program

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- Maintain HTA member engagement through intensive relationship-building and planning responsive, meaningful and accessible programming around gender-based violence, gender equity, and racial and economic justice;
- Document and track HTA leader activities for purposes of membership benefits and measuring program impacts
- For all leadership development activities, implement language/learning/physical accessibility plans for leaders from diverse identity backgrounds (this may include providing or coordinating interpretation, finding accessible transportation and assistive technologies, setting up childcare, and ordering food)

Basebuilding

- Nurture organizational partnerships and community relationships with survivor-facing stakeholders (survivor agencies, spiritual and community leaders, organizing collectives, etc)
- Meet with survivors through stakeholder outreach and recruit into HTA programs and activities
- Conduct 1-1s, small group meetings, and healing justice activities with membership base to cultivate and nurture relationships with HTA, and sustain survivor leadership
- For all recruitment and engagement activities, implement language/learning/physical accessibility plans for leaders from diverse identity backgrounds

Peer Support

- Support leaders in accessing resources for issues related to gender-based violence, both for themselves and in their broader community
- Work with existing membership base to reach and support marginalized survivors in their communities through survivor-led outreach
- Keep a detailed record of program impact metrics including community contacts, referrals and disclosures received by leaders
- Maintain accurate and accessible standalone resources for leaders to independently connect to mutual aid opportunities

Program Ambassador

- As needed, represent and communicate HTA's mission and objectives in a variety of external settings, including community events, media interviews, and public meetings
- As needed, participate in fundraising efforts for the organization
- Promote a work culture that embraces diversity, inclusion, and fair and respectful treatment of all persons

Who We're Looking for:

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Qualifications

- 6+ Years of experience or education with skills transferable to the role such as community organizing, working with survivors of gender-based violence, or related social justice work
- Strong verbal and written bilingual communication skills in English and Spanish
- Excellent time-management, organizational, and event planning skills
- Ability to use or learn to use Google apps; Slack; Trello; Canva; and social media applications including Facebook, Instagram, Hootsuite, YouTube and Twitter
- Access to a phone with text messaging capabilities
- Access to reliable transportation with a strong preference for a car and valid driver's license
- A commitment to HTA's core values: survivor-led and survivor-centered, working towards liberation, rooted in healing, interconnected struggle, unity, and the power to transform.

Qualities

- **You make people feel at home.** You are a deep listener, and expert at being present with others, and strive to make those around you feel seen, heard, and understood. You carefully cultivate spaces you facilitate to feel welcoming, and are highly attuned to creating a sense of belonging for the communities HTA works with. You're skilled at holding your own boundaries while creating safe, affirming spaces for people from different backgrounds and experiences.
- **Relationships are your forte.** You enjoy meeting new people and learning their stories. You are good at finding points of connection between yourself and others, and connecting people who ought to know each other. You take the time that's needed to build trust, and put in the work. You understand the critical importance of showing up when you say you will, following through, and keeping your word. You approach conflict and misunderstandings as opportunities to deepen relationships, and you act on those opportunities.
- **You make a way out of no way.** You are a mover and a shaker. You understand the challenges of building a model that is shifting existing paradigms to return power to the hands of survivors. You approach problems with ownership, curiosity, and new ideas to adapt and improve. Even when things feel tough, you recognize that ending gender-based violence is a multi-generational project, and are committed to moving the work forward, step by step.
- **You seek the learning edges.** You see transformation as a lifelong project, and meet people where they are at in their learning journeys. You acknowledge the limits of your own knowledge, and see other perspectives as a gift to enrich your own understanding. You value debriefing, evaluating, and reflecting on how to do better. You offer feedback with compassion and thoughtfulness, and receive it with openness and humility. You

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are able to place feedback in a larger context to act on it in generative ways.

Travel & Hours

This position requires regular travel within the city of Chicago. Overnight travel may be required on an occasional basis. The organizer will need to work occasional nights and weekends. Examples of after-hours work may include facilitating or attending community partner workshops/meetings, participating in weekend workshops, and staff retreats. However, non-exempt employees are not permitted to work more than 40 hours a week and flexible schedules are available to all employees to accommodate night and weekend work.

COVID-19 Considerations

HTA is a mostly virtual office with some community and staff functions regularly happening in-person in Chicago. Most daily work can be done remotely, but staff can expect in-person meetings with the team and community members several times per month when public health conditions allow. We require all employees to be fully vaccinated.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should forward at least two references, a resume, and thoughtful cover letter to admin@healingtoaction.org with the subject BASE-BUILDING ORGANIZER as the subject of the email. In your cover letter, please explain:

- What attracts you to HTA's mission;
- Which skills and experiences you are most excited to bring to HTA as an early-stage, grassroots organization; and
- How you would contribute to our organization's commitment to diversity and inclusion

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