

Youth Winter Inn Community Support Worker:

The Youth Winter Inn utilizes a harm reduction philosophy approach for youth ages 14 to 17 needing temporary overnight shelter during the winter months.

The next step to assisting youth in their housing needs is to provide a Community Support Component to the Youth Winter Inn Program. The Community Support Worker would build trusting and supportive relationships to help the youth engage in a process of positive development and change utilizing strength based assets approach.

This worker will provide support to youth ages 14-17 who are not willing to engage or not able to participate in other community resources or support services. The support worker's role will be to connect and locate supports, maintain long term housing options provide supports including a life skills component to ensure the youth have the skills necessary to maintain their independence and housing. In addition the Community Support Worker will compile a Youth Housing Registry for youth to utilize in securing long term housing options. As well this worker will advocate on behalf of the youth to landlords, build on existing community relationships and will work collaboratively with the community to develop permanent housing solutions for youth.

The ideal candidates will have a minimum of a Diploma/Certificate in the area of Human Services such as; Social Work, Psychology, Education, Child & Youth Care; previous experience in the following areas such as working with youth with multiple barriers, program delivery, behavior management, addictions issues as well as mental health concerns. Previous experience working with this target population would be an asset. Knowledge of the multiple barriers of youth at risk and the multi facet components and impacts of homelessness would be an asset. Successful candidates would be highly skilled in the areas of establishing boundaries, needs assessment, de-escalation and intervention strategies as well as rapport building with the youth, knowledgeable in the area of Microsoft, excel, data entry, etc. knowledge of graphic design would be an asset This candidate possesses strong networking skills, is able to develop external partnerships and has a strong knowledge base of resources available. They must be motivated and able to working independently. Applicants must have current certification in First Aide/CPR, and preferred certification in Cultural Awareness Teachings, Suicide Prevention Intervention Training as well as a current Intervention Records Check and Criminal Record Check (within the past 3 months).
Rate of pay: \$20.00 hour

Equivalencies and experience will be considered

This is a 7 1/2-8 month contract position with a start date of September 1, 2010 and ending on March 31, 2011. This position requires flexibility as the candidate is required to work days, evening, weekend's Only candidates who are selected for interviews will be contacted, all others are thanked for their interest.

Closing date August 22, 2010