

SOMERSET WEST COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

JOB TITLE: HARM REDUCTION OUTREACH WORKER

Status: Full-time – 10 month contract (September 2014 to June 2015)

Salary Range: \$23.42 to \$28.21 per hour

Hours: 35 hours per week

Application Deadline: July 7, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Job Summary

Reporting to the Manager, Mental Health and Addictions, the Harm Reduction Outreach Worker provides support, health education, and needle exchange/safer inhalation supplies to people who use drugs, as part of our NESI program. Services are offered on site at the community health centre, as well as in a variety of outreach locations including the mobile van. **The position requires flexibility in hours of work and will involve 3 evening shifts per week on both weeknights and weekends. As well, the position may involve 2 early mornings per month.**

Job Specific Responsibilities & Requirements

- Proven experience working independently doing street outreach.
- Excellent knowledge of and experience with a harm reduction approach.
- Good understanding of health promotion, HIV and HCV transmission.
- Knowledge of related community resources.
- Experience with homelessness, mental health and addictions.
- Ability to assess and manage crisis situations.
- Ability to work comfortably in non- conventional settings.
- Excellent communication skills and sensitivity to people with differing values and belief systems.
- Sound judgement and strong problem solving skills.
- Ability to work independently, set priorities and manage time effectively.
- Valid driver's license, insurance and use of a personally owned vehicle in good working order.
- Willingness to drive clients to appointments.
- Fluency in English and French; other languages an asset.
- Proficient use of computers and various software applications.
- Successful criminal reference check for the vulnerable sector.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Social Work or related health discipline
- Minimum of 3 years experience working with people who use drugs and high risk populations

Please submit resume and covering letter by **email by 5:00 pm on Monday July 7, 2014** to hrinfo@swchc.on.ca.

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