

# POSTING

## SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION AND COUNSELLING THERAPIST

Temporary Full Time (35 hours per week) - One Year Contract

### Suicide Prevention Education and Counselling Program (SPEAC)

This position requires Union membership.

Compensation is in accordance with Appendix A of the BCGEU Collective Agreement.

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Options Community Services Society is currently seeking a permanent part-time Suicide Prevention Education and Counselling (SPEAC) Therapist, to provide direct, professional counselling for youth (18 years or younger) who have attempted suicide, are at risk of doing so, or are survivors of suicide, and to provide counselling for their families and other significant persons. The program serves Surrey and Langley in an in-office and outreach capacity.

#### KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Primary responsibilities will be to provide suicide risk assessment/intervention and short-term counselling for children and youth in Surrey and Langley.
- Maintain clinical records on an electronic file management system.
- Facilitation of community education and consultation.
- Is well organized and capable of working independently as well as within a larger team.
- Has demonstrated skills in building and maintaining relationships with community partners.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

##### Education, Training, and Experience:

- Masters Degree in Counselling Psychology, Social Work, or a related field in a recognized professional faculty is required.
- Two (2) years recent related experience in suicide prevention/treatment required. A combination of education and experience may be considered.
- Strong rapport-building skills with children and youth as well as their caregivers
- Excellent oral/written communications and computer skills.
- A reliable vehicle is necessary.
- A second language and First Aid training are considered assets.

##### Job Skills and Abilities:

- Crisis Line experience an asset.

\* An eligibility list will be maintained for up to 6 months.

#### CLOSING DATE:

Resumes will be reviewed starting [August 26, 2019]  
but the posting will remain open until filled and will  
close without notice.

**PLEASE APPLY TO:**

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**No phone calls please.**

**Only shortlisted candidates shall be notified.**

**Please include a cover letter clearly indicating the posting number [#A21415] and outlining your qualifications and related experience for the position.**