

Volunteer with us!

**Posting:
Volunteer**

Crisis Line Volunteer

Fraser Health Crisis Line

Options Community Services Society

We are a non-profit registered charity providing social services primarily in Surrey, Delta, White Rock and Langley. We believe in helping people help themselves. We believe in collaborating with individuals, businesses, community groups and government to create focused, effective and responsive resources for the community.

We envision a healthy community as a safe and clean environment where we all have a sense of belonging. It is a place where each of us has the opportunity to work and learn, and to develop and realize goals that are meaningful and fulfilling.

Volunteer Position: Minimum commitment of 200 hours (choose either 4hrs/week or 8hrs bi-weekly)

The Crisis Line provides immediate, free, and confidential emotional support, crisis intervention and community resource information to people of all ages, 24 hours a day - everyday.

Answer incoming calls to the Fraser Health Crisis Line and provide emotional support, crisis intervention, and risk assessment to individuals in various degrees of emotional distress. Direct callers to resources in their community as appropriate to their need.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING:

- Gain new skills & practical knowledge
- Acquire work experience & references
- Internal employment opportunities
- Enhance college and university applications
- Meet others with similar interests
- Make a difference in the lives of others

FACT: When asked about their crisis line experience, volunteers have told us:

“The knowledge I have gained here is invaluable.”

“It has been the most rewarding volunteer position I’ve held.”

“It is gratifying to know that you have helped in some way.”

QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience:

- No previous experience required - extensive training and on-going support is provided
- Minimum 18 years of age
- Police Information & Criminal Record checks that meet the bona fide occupational requirements of the position
- Able to hear well, speak clearly & communicate in English
- Ability to follow direction
- Emotionally ready to assist others in crisis
- Able to deal with stressful situations
- Reliable, non-judgmental and motivated
- Personal values, abilities and characteristics are consistent with those of the agency
- Basic computer skills
- Successful completion of the Fraser Health Crisis Line Training

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

The successful candidate must:

- Adhere to agency and program policies and procedures
- Provide supportive, non-judgmental telephone crisis intervention counseling and community resource information
- Assess the level of suicide and homicide risk as well as urgency of need for mental health intervention
- Document calls and complete service records
- Participate in on-going training requirements and opportunities
- Maintain the dignity and integrity of the program and agency within the community
- [Poem: *What We Are Here For*](#)

Successful candidates will be required to provide a current and satisfactory Criminal Reference Check/Vulnerable Sector Search preceding your start date.

CLOSING DATE: None / On-Going Recruitment

If you would like to know more about this opportunity or if you are interested in applying, the first step is to attend an Information Session that will help you decide if this opportunity is right for you and allow you to ask any questions you may have.

Zoom Information Sessions - see also next page:

Wednesday September 15, 2021 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm: <https://optionsbc.zoom.us/j/96238084728>

Sunday October 3, 2021 from 9-11 am: <https://optionsbc.zoom.us/j/99204382723>

Wednesday November 3, 2021 from 7-9 pm: <https://optionsbc.zoom.us/j/95685556754>

Participating in the Zoom Information Sessions requires use of a device with both video and audio. Visit this link for more information on using Zoom: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697>.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Due to the unprecedented increase in interest for our program, we can only accept volunteer applications from residents of the [Fraser Health Region](#), which includes all areas from Burnaby to Boston Bar.
2. You will not be able to join the Zoom Information Session after the start time.
3. Two hours has been allotted for the session - the actual session length is dependent upon the number of attendees and questions.
4. Please check back periodically for more Zoom Information Session dates as this posting will be updated with additional sessions as needed.
5. If the Zoom Information Session link does not work, please go to <https://zoom.us/join> and manually enter the meeting ID number from the link above.