

**We're Hiring!**

**Posting:  
A21923**

**Suicide Prevention Therapist  
Full-Time  
(35 hours per week)**

**Suicide Prevention,  
Education and Counselling**

#### 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.

**This position requires union membership.**

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

**(Position Classification: Clinical Counsellor, Paraprofessional Wage Grid, Level 16)**

The Suicide Prevention, Education and Counselling (SPEAC) program provides support and tools necessary to significantly reduce the risk of suicide. PEAC provides suicide risk assessment, urgent-response and short-term counselling for children and youth. Services offered include:

- Individual and family counselling
- Risk assessment
- Consultation

SPEAC is looking for a Suicide Prevention Therapist who will provide direct, professional counselling for youth 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. Counselling is to be done on an individual, family, couple, or group basis. They will provide educational suicide prevention workshops and represent the program in the community.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Perform assessments of clients.
- Respond to referrals of clients (by external referral sources), or by clients (in programs where self-referral is permitted).
- Provide individual, and/or family counselling to clients, in accordance with an established service plan which has been created through the collaboration of the employee, the client (and - when appropriate - an external third party).
- Participate in assigned meetings with OCS volunteers and/or other OCS employees for the purpose of sharing information, coordinating service development and delivery, and/or organizational development.
- Participate in assigned meetings with volunteers and/or employees of other public and private sector organizations as a representative of the Society, for the purpose of sharing information, coordinating service development and delivery, and/or community development.

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- Drive the employee's personally owned vehicle for job-related purposes (no OCS client may be transported in the employee's vehicle).

## QUALIFICATIONS

### Education, Training, and Experience:

- Master's degree in counselling Psychology, Social work or equivalent combination of training and experience combined with a minimum two years experience in the field of suicidology.
- Both First Aid and a second language are considered assets.
- Access to a reliable vehicle for business purposes.

### Knowledge Skills and Abilities:

- Have an in-depth knowledge of suicidology and be familiar with a variety of theoretical perspectives and their implications in the treatment of clients.
- The position requires excellent counselling skills and the ability to work both independently and as a member of a team.
- Ability to identify sensitive issues and maintain confidentiality.
- Must be sensitive to and respectful of cultural and lifestyle diversity.
- Professional etiquette.
- High degree of flexibility and initiative.
- Demonstrated effectiveness as part of a staff team.
- Demonstrated proficiency in written, oral and interpersonal communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to develop program related reference and resource materials.
- Commitment to a problem solving approach.
- Ability to work independently, set priorities, manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines.

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

***Applicants with lived experience are strongly encouraged to apply.***

**CLOSING DATE:** Resumes will be reviewed starting **October 5, 2021** but the posting will remain open until filled and will close without notice.

**PLEASE APPLY TO:** Heather Lynch, Senior Program Manager  
Options Community Services Society

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Please include a cover letter indicating the posting number [#21923] and detailed resume outlining your qualifications and related experience for the position.

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