

**We're Hiring!**

**Posting:  
A21935**

**In-Reach Worker  
Temporary Part-Time - 12 Months  
(28 hours per week)**

**Healthy Care  
Pregnancy Program**

#### 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.

In collaboration with the BC Association of Pregnancy Outreach (BCAPOP) and funded by the Provincial Perinatal Substance Use Project under the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), Options Community Services is participating in a pilot program which will support pregnant and newly parenting women in British Columbia, who use or have used substances. The Healthy Care Pregnancy Program (HCCP) will utilize formal connections between 10 acute care facilities and 10 BCAPOP Member Programs throughout the province.

The HCCP in-reach worker, either a registered nurse or registered social worker, will work directly with the target population to support best outcomes. In order to achieve the objectives, they liaise and collaborate with community-based perinatal and substances use organizations, health care agencies and providers to engage, re-engage and support women and their families in wrap-around care for improved health outcomes.

#### KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provides client-centred, in-reach and outreach services including harm-reduction based services for perinatal women and their families accepted into the HCCP through assessment, intervention and treatment with an emphasis on those women who are at high risk of poor health outcomes.
- Supports client access to services such as medical appointments, hospitals, transportation, housing services and social programs by methods such as providing information, contacting relevant programs/services and accompanying client to such appointments.
- Identifies the health issues, behaviours, needs, barriers and challenges for pregnant and newly parenting women who use or have used substances and their families within the social determinants of health and within the framework of health promotion, women centered care, harm reduction and prevention. Works collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team to develop creative strategies to address the challenges. Participates in data collection required.
- Initiates, coordinates and hosts Healthy Care Pregnancy Meetings with clients, family, service providers and members of the multidisciplinary team. Acts as a client advocate to protect and promote client's right to autonomy, respect, privacy, dignity and access to information.
- Prepares and maintains appropriate client records in accordance with established standards by methods, provide evidence and rationale to support findings and treatment plan.
- Maintains and updates current knowledge base in perinatal substance in order to contribute to the continuing improvement of HCCP at Healthiest Babies Possible Program.
- Acts in an advocacy role with government agencies (MEIA, MCFD), health care providers and landlords.

**NOTE: Applicants not selected for an interview will not necessarily be notified.**

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## QUALIFICATIONS

### Education, Training, and Experience:

- Graduate from an approved School of Nursing or Social Work.
- Current registration with the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP) or current full registration with the British Columbia College of Social Workers.
- Two (2) years recent related clinical nursing or social work experience providing screening, assessment and treatment services to perinatal clients currently or with a history of substance use.
- Valid BC Driver's License
- Valid CPR Certification (within two years)
- Local area travel will require the use of a personal vehicle with participant as passenger.

### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Broad knowledge of nursing or social work theory and practice within a woman centered approach.
- Knowledge of community development and health promotion principles and practices.
- Broad knowledge of BCCNP Standards for Nursing/ Nursing Practice or BC College of Social Workers Ethics and Standards of Practice
- Broad knowledge of perinatal substance use, perinatal care and mental health
- Broad knowledge of community services that address perinatal substance use related issues.
- Demonstrated ability to work with a culturally diverse population including Aboriginal communities and sexual minorities.
- Ability to operate related equipment (e.g. personal computer)
- Physical ability to perform the duties of the position.
- Demonstrated listening and information seeking skills that promotes communication and lead to a cooperative approach to problem solving within a multidisciplinary setting.
- Working knowledge of harm reduction principles.
- Women and family-centred philosophy and an understanding of anti-oppressive practice.
- Crisis prevention/intervention and conflict resolution/de-escalation skills.

***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 26, 2021** but the posting will remain open until filled and will close without notice.

**PLEASE APPLY TO:** **Jen Mantyka, Program Manager**  
Options Community Services Society

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Please include a cover letter indicating the posting number **[#21935]** and detailed resume outlining your qualifications and related experience for the position.

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