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## **PREGNANCY SUPPORT WORKER (OUTREACH)**

<b>Posting Requisition</b>	22114	<b>Program</b>	<i>Healthiest Babies Possible</i>
<b>Job Type</b>	<i>Temporary, Full-time until March 1, 2023</i>	<b>Location</b>	<i>Surrey, BC</i>
<b>Hours of work</b>	<i>28 hours per week</i>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<i>Open until filled</i>

Options Community Services is 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.

Healthiest Babies Possible is a pregnancy outreach program for women of all ages who live in Surrey, Delta and White Rock. Since 1988, we have provided education, information, support and connections for women who experience health and lifestyle challenges during pregnancy, birth and the transition to parenting. Working with women in the context of their families, the aim is improved maternal and infant health.

This position entails supporting women and their families to have a healthy pre and post natal period, with a focus on nutrition and health, by providing one-to-one home and office visits and facilitating group sessions. This position will involve supporting the Peer-to-Peer Breastfeeding Support project.

### **ACCOUNTABILITIES**

- Interviews clients to collect health and lifestyle information, assesses educational and support needs, including consulting with other professionals in the community, with client consent, to coordinate client care.
- Develops rapport and guiding relationship with clients by facilitating Healthiest Babies Possible groups, taking new referrals (self and third party), screening potential clients for suitability, explaining program services and relating to clients in a caring and positive manner, which reflects clients' goals and needs.
- Provides clients with educational resources, support, food supplement vouchers and prenatal vitamin supplements as needed through home or office visits, phone calls and other methods.
- Charts all pertinent information in client files in a non-judgmental, objective format as outlined in Policy and Procedures manual.
- Performs other duties as required, including but not limited to miscellaneous office duties, making recommendations regarding program development and participating in program evaluations, attending staff and community meetings and consulting with program manager regarding caseloads, client status and client service plans.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

**Education, Training, and Experience:**

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- Bachelor's Degree in a social services or related field and/or combination of experience and education
- Minimum one-year recent related experience with peer support models, at risk families, young parents or people with substance misuse.
- Valid Level 1 First Aid Certificate is required.
- A valid driver's license and reliable vehicle for work use.
- Second language will be considered an asset.

Preference may be given to candidates with crises line experience.

#### **Skills and Abilities:**

- Demonstrated coaching, counselling and group facilitation skills
- Knowledge of nutrition, the peri-natal period and infant care
- Non-judgmental, respectful, positive, supportive and empowering attitude
- Ability to build positive relationships with a diverse clientele
- Demonstrated counselling and group facilitation skills
- Strong listening, verbal and written skills
- Strong foundation in health knowledge in relation to pregnancy, birth and infants.
- Demonstrated proficiency in writing case session notes and maintaining client file records to accreditation standards and adhere to agency and program policies and procedures.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to identify sensitive issues and maintain confidentiality
- Must be sensitive to and respectful of cultural and lifestyle diversity

#### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Successful candidates will be required to provide a current and satisfactory Criminal Reference Check / Vulnerable Sector search preceding their start date.
- Applicants will be required to provide proof of Covid -19 vaccination.
- Applicants with lived experience are strongly encouraged to apply.

*\*An eligibility list may be maintained for up to six months. Eligible applicants may be offered a casual position. This position is open to all qualified applicants.*

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**Please include a cover letter clearly indicating the posting number [posting #22114] and outlining your qualifications and related experience for the position.**