

We're Hiring!



EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLOR

Posting Requisition	<i>22161</i>	Program	<i>WorkBC Employment Services</i>
Job Type	<i>Regular, Full-time</i>	Location	<i>Surrey, BC</i>
Hours of work	<i>35 hours per week</i>	Closing Date	<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.

The Employment Counsellor/Job Coach for multi-barriered clients is responsible for achieving sustained employment outcomes by utilizing all three service delivery channels - Outreach, Virtual and WorkBC Centres. The position provides employability and formal needs assessments, case management and supports clients in job search activities including referrals and assistance to those seeking sponsored training or other long-term interventions, promoting clients to employers to generate job leads and secure sustainable employment, wage subsidy contracts, unpaid work experiences, community attachment, and on the job training/coaching.

The Employment Counsellor/Job Coach is also responsible for staying abreast and following WorkBC Policy and ICM requirements to ensure accurate data entry and record keeping in ICM and collection of statistical information. This position will be responsible for meeting the specific targets and outcomes set by the funders, maintaining consistent records and tracking data to report out on the program participants to both funder and Options Community Services.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Administer, monitor and track financial supports and services according to WorkBC policy and eligibility criteria, including job start supports, transportation supports, food supports, grooming kits and other financial supports related to long term interventions.
- Assist clients through the application process for skills training, PBLMT, JCP, wage subsidy, self-employment, and other long-term interventions.
- Develop a specific client marketing plan that includes job target, employer targets and marketing strategies.
- Work with clients to develop/update a collaborative return-to-work action plan including resume development, job coaching follow-up and outreach work that appropriately meets the clients' needs.
- Contact and network with employers to build relationships and generate appropriate leads for sustainable employment outcomes and collaboratively work with other community partners to create opportunities for multi-barriered clients to access informational interviews, job shadowing, volunteering and training on the job.
- Provide thorough on the job coaching and follow-up support to clients and employers to ensure maximum success in reaching 52 weeks of sustained employment.
- Organize and participate in community initiatives, meetings, hiring fairs, collaborative events, program marketing.
- Open, maintain, and close ICM and physical files/records in accordance to requirements of the funder and Options Community Services (OCS), including data entry corrections, accurate submission of orders, billings, revisions and tracking of outcomes.
- Perform other duties, as assigned.

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QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience:

- Post-secondary education in social services or a related field and a minimum of three years' demonstrated experience in employment counselling. A combination of equivalent experience and training will be considered.
- A Career Development Practitioner certificate is an asset.
- Competent assessment skills utilizing a comprehensive model, appropriate to the client's needs.
- Excellent knowledge of Labour Market trends, employment and non-employment related services in the community.
- Well-developed computer skills in Microsoft Office; strong ability to learn new computer software, including ICM.

Skills and Abilities:

- Comfortable working in a performance-based work environment with strong emphasis on sustained employment outcomes.
- Flexible and committed to working in a team to achieve sustainable outcomes and targets.
- Sound understanding of skills training process and long-term intervention decision making criteria.
- Ability to write and format current industry standard resumes.
- Strong problem-solving skills and ability to make "hard decisions".
- Must be independent, self-motivated and have a mature disposition.
- Competent in relating to a diverse clientele and sincere appreciation for a multi-cultural environment.
- Second language is an asset (especially Arabic and Spanish).
- Crisis Line experience an asset.
- Second language is a strong asset; preference will be given to Pushto, Dari, Farsi speakers

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Successful candidates will be required to provide a current and satisfactory Criminal Reference Check / Vulnerable Sector search preceding their start date.
- Applicants may 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 #22161] and outlining your qualifications and related experience for the position.