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SUICIDE PREVENTION THERAPIST

Posting Requisition	22205	Program	<i>SPEAC Program</i>
Job Type	<i>Casual, on call</i>	Location	<i>Surrey, BC</i>
Hours of work	<i>Minimum 10 hours per week</i>	Closing Date	<i>January 30, 2023</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 Suicide Prevention, Education and Counselling (SPEAC) program provides support and tools necessary to significantly reduce the risk of suicide. SPEAC provides suicide risk assessment, urgent-response and short-term counselling for children and youth. Services offered include:

- Individual and family counselling
- Risk assessment
- Consultation

Options is seeking 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. They will provide counselling for their families and other significant persons. Counselling is to be done on an individual, family, couple, or group basis. The Therapist will provide educational suicide prevention workshops and represent the program in the community. Compensation is in accordance with Appendix A of the BCGEU Collective Agreement. (Grid level 16-P of the Paraprofessional wage grid)

ACCOUNTABILITIES

- 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).
- Perform assessments of clients.
- 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.
- Drive the employee's personally owned vehicle for job-related purposes (no OCS client may be transported in the employee's vehicle).
- Performs other duties, as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience:

- Post-secondary education in social services or a related field or training/certification with an emphasis in employment counselling.

We are an equal opportunity employer committed to hiring a diverse workforce

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- 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.
- Have an in-depth knowledge of suicidology and be familiar with a variety of theoretical perspectives and their implications in the treatment of clients.
- Both First Aid and a second language are considered assets.
- Access to a reliable vehicle.

Skills and Abilities:

- 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.

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.*

PLEASE APPLY TO: Heather Lynch, Senior Program Manager
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Please include a cover letter clearly indicating the posting number [posting #22205 and outlining your qualifications and related experience for the position]