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YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WORKER

Posting Requisition	22353	Program	<i>Youth Supported in Living</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 Youth Mental Health Worker assists youth and young adult mental health clients with activities of daily living. Providing life skills instruction in a variety of areas thereby increasing the client's independence and helping them in their rehab and recovery.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Adheres to the policies and standards of Options Community Services Society, as established in policy and program manuals, Health & Safety Guidelines, job descriptions, written memos, and verbal agreements.
- Assists clients in their own homes and in the community to allow them to function more independently and to assist them in their rehab and recovery program. Makes referrals to other programs and resources if required. Develop knowledge of local resources/ activities.
- Monitors clients' well-being. Assists clients with activities of daily living. Can assist clients with cooking, budgeting, etc. Facilitates and may engage in physical, recreational and educational activities with client. May assist clients with attending appointments by either providing transportation when necessary, or teaching transportation routes/methods as required.
- Evaluates client on an ongoing basis and develops plans and strategies to meet the client's needs, ensuring that these plans are consistent with the Mental Health clinician's treatment plan. Also ensures that the client is an active participant in this process.
- Able to recognize, analyze and strategize around potential emergency situations. Reports problems to supervisor and or proper authorities.
- Provides accurate reports and log notes on clients' progress. Reports on clients' progress made towards goals and objectives as required.
- Makes recommendations with regard to the development of the program and participates in program evaluations.
- Collaborates with other professionals as needed and liaises with other community services and organizations.
- Assess strategy on an ongoing basis to ensure effectiveness of service.
- Establish and maintain a positive working relationship with other staff, volunteers, clients and other professionals.
- Maintain professional growth and keep up to date on trends related to the responsibilities of the position.

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QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience:

- Diploma in social services or a related field or combination of education and experience with a strong understanding of mental health issues in youth.
- Current Level I First Aid certificate.
- Use of a reliable vehicle for work with appropriate insurance, and an appropriate valid Driver's License.

Skills and Abilities:

- Good organization, time and general management skills.
- Ability to work independently.
- Knowledge of mental illnesses/medications.
- 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.
- 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.

PLEASE APPLY TO: Heather Lynch, Senior Manager
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Please include a cover letter clearly indicating the posting number [posting #22353] and outlining your qualifications and related experience for the position.