



**PEER MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT WORKER
CONTRACT POSITION
15 HOURS PER WEEK--\$22.00 PER HOUR**

Parkdale Community Health Centre is located in a vibrant, multi-cultural, downtown neighbourhood. We work with the community, in all its diversity, to address its health-related needs through community development and action, the delivery of primary health care services, counseling, advocacy, and health promotion. We give priority to individuals and groups who traditionally encounter barriers to high quality health care services, including refugees and immigrants, LGBT*Q people, people who live in poverty, psychiatric survivors, women, seniors, and people who live on or near the street. We are currently seeking **1 Peer Mental Health Support Worker** to work with people who have mental health and addiction issues, frequently visit hospital emergency departments and who may be street-involved, injection drug users, crack users and/or who do sex work.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Street outreach including locating clients who may be missing.
- Accompaniments to appointments and assistance with navigating housing and social services.
- Assistance with filling out forms, applications, and doing searches for referrals and services.
- Individual and group support and education around mental health and addictions issues.
- Assistance with weekly men's support group including preparation.
- Collaboration with harm reduction and mental health team members to create educational resources.
- Work as part of a team, collect statistics, write short reports and attend regular meetings

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Physically able to walk distances.
- College or university preparation in social work or related discipline and/or demonstrated 3-5 years experience working with people with mental health and addictions.
- Knowledge of trauma informed approaches to mental health and addictions issues.
- Knowledge of harm reduction principles in relation to drug use and sex work
- Lived experience with drug use, homelessness, sex work, mental health issues, etc.
- Awareness of issues faced by diverse communities
- Ability to communicate and work comfortably with diverse communities

RESUME HINTS:

- Please prepare a letter outlining your experiences as they relate to this work, why you want to do this work, and the particular skills you bring
- Include volunteer work, workshops, life experiences and related skills
- Let us know how we can contact you

EVENING AND WEEKEND SHIFTS MAY BE REQUIRED

Parkdale Community Health Centre is committed to representing its diverse communities. People with lived experience of mental health and addictions issues, experience doing sex work, Aboriginal people, people from the LGBT*Q community, and people from diverse ethnic communities are encouraged to apply. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted

PLEASE SEND APPLICATION BY 5:00 p.m. Friday November 15th, 2013

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