

JOB POSTING

Job Title:	MHSU Worker	Status:	Casual
Program:	Sequoia at Firth Residence, Abbotsford	Hourly Rate:	\$32.54
Schedule:	Varied shifts Evenings/Weekends/Overnights	Posting #	23-027
		Closing Date:	September 24, 2023

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver (EFry) is a charitable organization that supports women, girls, and children at risk, involved in or affected by the justice system. Our programs work to break the cycle of poverty, addiction, mental illness, homelessness, and crime.

We are recruiting for a Casual, Mental Health & Substance Use Worker for our Sequoia at Firth Residence Program. Located in Abbotsford, the Sequoia at Firth Residence Program serves women and gender diverse people with severe and high-risk substance use dependency as a primary concern and who may have co-occurring moderate mental health care needs. The average length of stay will be 3-months, or longer when clinically indicated. The program is strengths-based, trauma-informed, culturally safe, and concurrent disorder capable care delivered through evidence-based therapeutic interventions. The goal of the program is to provide evidence-based psychosocial treatment, education, and support to reduce problematic substance use, improve overall health and social wellbeing, and ultimately reduce the risk of death due to overdoses and infections. The program will feature both stabilization and therapeutic/treatment interventions.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Development and implement client service plans, in conjunction with the client, their supports, and the multi-disciplinary team.
- Support the admission process by assessing client needs, gathering information, assessing risk, determining service priorities, collaborate with the team to determine care plan, assess the need for emergent crisis intervention.
- Provide individual, family and group support including individual sessions, group facilitation, referral and access to community services, transition to and from the client's home community.
- Liaise with care providers, service providers and stakeholders, including community MHSU, tertiary and acute care, government ministries.
- Provide follow-up care as needed, including referral to community based MHSU, primary health and dental care, vocational programs, recreational programs, peer support groups.
- Establish, maintain and enhance therapeutic relationships based on respect with client. Engage others in treatment planning and evaluation, provides follow-up planning, support clients to manage self-care, encourages informed decision making and empowers client to improve quality of life.
- Maintain client records and program documentation, in accordance with policies and procedures. • Monitor the day-to-day operations of residence to ensure quality control in adherence to licensing regulation.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's degree in social work, counselling, psychology, or other relevant health related discipline.
- Two (2) years recent experience working with clients and families affected by substance use disorders, mental illness, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.
- Understanding of substance use disorders, mental illness, concurrent disorders, and treatment, and of the principles of recovery.
- Demonstrated client assessment and case management skills.
- Knowledge of Trauma-Informed Practice and its application to the defined population of client.
- Knowledge of culturally safe care, and gender-informed service delivery.
- Experience working in a licensed facility is an asset.
- Excellent communication skills both written and verbal.
- Ability to lift up to 30 lbs.

MANDATORY JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- **Minimum on-call availability of 7 shifts per week including evenings, overnights & weekends.**
- Food Safe Level 1.
- Standard First Aid with CPR-C.
- Evidence of COVID-19 vaccination status.
- Evidence of a Tuberculosis Test and compliance with the TB Control Program.
- Doctor's Note of fitness required.
- Enhanced Security Screening & satisfactory Criminal Record Review (Vulnerable Sector Search).
- Valid driver's license (Class 5) with satisfactory driving record.

EFry is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to building a diverse workforce and strongly encourages applicants that represent those we serve. We welcome applicants with non-traditional educational backgrounds and field experience.

Interested candidates must submit a cover letter and resume to hr@efry.com by no later than September 24, 2023, with the subject line MHSU 23-027.

We thank all applicants for their interest in this opportunity; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.