

PEER POSITION JOB POSTING

Safe Spot 2: Modular Housing - Peer Support Worker

Part time positions available. Non-union.

Limited contract until March 31st. possibility of Extension

Hourly Rate of Pay: \$22.00

SUMMARY: The Safe Spot program is looking for individuals who have the expertise of lived experience of drug use, harm reduction, and/or overdose prevention to offer overdose prevention services at modular housing sites. Safe Spot workers will be offering overdose prevention services for residents who use drugs including opioid overdose reversal, creation of overdose prevention safety plans, distribution of harm reduction tools, and communicating with staff and EMS when necessary.

SS2-Peer Support Workers may be required to work on weekends, holidays, and overnights.

MAJOR DUTIES:

- Build rapport; demonstrate authentic listening and communication of one's own direct experiences for the benefit of the clients, relating to issues of homelessness, substance use, and physical and mental health challenges; assist in building support networks/relationships
- Assist in overdose prevention and response
- Provide harm reduction education, supplies, and support to clients
- Actively listen to patients as they express their emotions regarding their experience and otherwise
- Help clients to navigate resources, harm reduction practices, and safer use strategies
- De-escalate situations by listening and validating clients' concerns and helping to make them comfortable
- Empower clients to advocate on their own behalf and support advocacy efforts with clinical services
- Apply reasonable boundaries and ensure service user confidentiality is maintained
- Engage and build respectful and professional relationships with all team members and community partners
- Participate in meetings and trainings
- Complete appropriate shift documentation
- Other duties as assigned
- Evening and weekend work required

REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS:

- Lived/living experience of homelessness, accessing community drop-ins, shelters, or harm reduction programs.
- Demonstrated knowledge of and support for harm reduction practices and client-centered approaches.
- Experience working within community & social services programs is considered a strong asset.
- A willingness to learn and adopt safe hygiene practices, including wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all times, and maintaining proper sanitation practices.
- Ability to maintain strong professional and ethical boundaries
- Willingness to utilize knowledge of lived experience to connect with patients
- Responsible, reliable and punctual
- Ability to work collaboratively within a team environment
- Willingness to accept feedback and incorporate it into their work
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills (oral and written); open, non-judgmental and willing to learn
- Demonstrates respect towards diverse communities and individuals
- Must possess comfort and sensitivity working with individuals with severe mental health/substance use issues
- First Aid and/or CPR certification an asset
- Flexibility, resourcefulness, creativity, commitment & empathy will further support your success in this position.

**To apply, email your cover letter and resume with "Safe Spot 2 Peer Support Worker"
in the subject line to peer.applications@tngcs.org**