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Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association

Aboriginal Homeless Prevention Program (Part-Time)

Position Title: Aboriginal Homeless Prevention Worker

Reports to: Louise Sallai (Housing Programs Manager)

Classification: 30 hours weekly; Some evening and weekend work may be required and expected.

Location: Surrey and Surrounding areas.

The Fraser Aboriginal Friendship Center Association is a non-profit organization that provides a diverse range of culturally safe and supportive services to Aboriginal people in Surrey and the Fraser Valley.

JOB SUMMARY

As part of the Surrey Homeless outreach services continuum, the **Aboriginal Homeless Prevention Worker (AHPP)** provides homeless, men, women and families with access and opportunity to support services and housing to reduce the likelihood of continued homelessness. The Homeless Prevention Program provides client centered services and promotes long term housing stability. The programs objectives are to provide assistance and support which break the cycle of homelessness and reduce the time that individuals remain homeless. HPP enhances access to community-based support services which help individuals maintain their housing and connects homeless individuals to income assistance where needed. HPP also promotes housing stability by providing supports for both landlords and tenants.

Required Qualifications, Skills, and Abilities:

- Social Service Worker certificate and/or related certificates in human services field; diploma preferred.
- Demonstrated understanding of homelessness options in the Fraser Valley, including direct services knowledge, and knowledge of affected populations.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and contribute to the health of the agency and homelessness team.
- One year of recent, related work experience with working with Aboriginal client base in a culturally relevant way.
- Current First Aid and CPR certification and Food Safe is a condition of employment, as well as a negative tuberculosis test or commitment to obtaining within 3 months of hire.
- Self-starters who have demonstrated commitment to ensuring success of the program.
- Must have computer knowledge and ability to use Microsoft Word & excel programs in a proficient business manner.
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent record of attendance & time keeping.
- Must have own vehicle with valid driver's license and clean drivers abstract.



Responsibilities

The Aboriginal Homeless Prevention Worker provides the following services:

- a. Engage the unsheltered homeless individuals; and provide supports which will help individuals stabilize their lives.
- b. Connect individuals with income supports, including making and accompanying individuals to appointments.
- c. Where possible assist individuals to locate a rental unit, and ensure that an intent to rent form and/or social housing application has been completed.
- d. Provide follow-up supports to ensure individuals have effectively transitioned to housing and receive related health and social service programs and services.
- e. Provide skills, or referrals to obtain skills, in life skills, personal health & hygiene, household management, financial management, crisis intervention & problem solving, and follow-ups related to these areas.
- f. Build and maintain relationships with landlords who provide housing to clients. Provide landlords with resources and education to support and maintain client tenancies.
- g. Disburse rental supplements to eligible clients.
- h. Complete all file keeping, statistical and database requirements.
- i. Active participant in Integrated Case Management Meetings.
- j. Connect and engage in partnerships with relevant community services.
- k. Relevant case planning for each individual client, referrals to appropriate support services and documentation.

In Addition, the Aboriginal Homeless Prevention Worker will be required to:

- a. Attend and participate in all staff and program meetings;
- b. Actively cooperate with other staff and the Executive Director/Program Manager in decision making regarding program operations.
- c. Resolve conflict appropriately and professionally adhering to respectful workplace policies.
- d. Adhere to the Society's Policies and Procedures and Mission Statement, generally
- e. Maintain confidentiality of the client, and the agency.

Key Abilities:

- **9nbARM2KVCollaborate** – establish collaborative relationships with stakeholders, Services provides, and other related partnerships.
- **Respond** – safely resolve crisis situations and respond non-judgmentally to problematic behavior
- **Understand** – demonstrate understanding of oppression and marginalization of Indigenous participant base



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- **Teamwork** – make positive contributions to the team, support and back up your co-workers at all times
- **Coordinate** – organize program in goal setting, including development of the additional components in order to best facilitate the contractual outcomes of the Homeless Prevention Worker.

Closing date:

Open until filled

Application Procedure

Please submit a cover letter and resume indicating the AHPP position and addressed to Annette Christopher's attention to be considered for this position to:

Email: hire@fracfa.org

Fax: 604-595-1176

Hand delivery: #A101 10095 Whalley Blvd, Surrey, BC.

No phone calls please

*****Only those selected for interview will be contacted.***

******Pursuant to S.41 of the BC Human Rights code, preference may be given to
Aboriginal Applicants.***