



Community Connector (1.0 FTE) - Contract

Job Description:

Under the direction of the WestView PCN Executive Director, the contracted **Community Connector** will support youth and their families to access community and mental health supports by working collaboratively with a coalition of community stakeholders, social service agencies, and health care providers. This position will assist in the implementation of the mission and vision of the coalition, which is to ensure that youth and young adults aged 11-25 have improved and coordinated access to mental health, primary care, and social services within the communities of Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, local indigenous communities, and the greater Parkland County.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- ⦿ Development of a regional youth mental health referral process for cross-sector service providers.
- ⦿ Supporting youth and families within the region to access various levels of community and mental health supports.
- ⦿ Provide individual counselling sessions in a positive and effective manner.
- ⦿ Provide warm hand-offs to partnering agencies.
- ⦿ Coordinate and appropriately direct referrals from the school division and partnering agencies.
- ⦿ Identify and support planning that addresses barriers to accessing mental health services such as transportation and stigma reduction.
- ⦿ Manage and follow up with referrals from multiple community services agencies.
- ⦿ Foster and model personal relationships that result in youth seeing service providers and accessing available programs such as health care and community support networks.
- ⦿ Develop and monitor project-based outcomes for youth.
- ⦿ Actively seek fund development opportunities and partnerships that foster mental health in the WestView PCN catchment area.
- ⦿ Perform other duties as required.

Skills and Abilities

- ⦿ Experience working with 11-25 year old population. Experience with counseling/consulting.
- ⦿ Excellent written and verbal communication skills, especially active listening; compassionate and empathetic.
- ⦿ Solid critical thinking and planning skills; some research experience will be an asset.
- ⦿ Self-motivated; able to work independently with minimal supervision while maintaining regular communication.
- ⦿ Proven track record with community development projects.
- ⦿ Project management experience with diverse sectors.
- ⦿ Demonstrated excellence in electronic medical record systems and various software including Microsoft Office.
- ⦿ Experience with report and grant writing, partnership building, and budgeting are all assets.



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Education/Professional Certification/Designations

- ⊗ Completed or currently enrolled in a related degree or diploma program (Human/Health Services, Education, Social Work)
- ⊗ Proven ability to provide individual counselling services in a positive and effective manner.
- ⊗ Standard First Aid CPR/AED Level C
- ⊗ Criminal Record Check and Child Intervention Check
- ⊗ Non-violent Crisis Intervention, Mental Health First Aid, and Suicide Awareness Training is an asset.

Additional Notes

- ⊗ Hours are flexible, but candidates **MUST** be available to work evenings.
- ⊗ Must have own vehicle and valid driver's license.

LETTERS OF INTEREST & RESUMES IN CONFIDENCE

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

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We thank all applicants; however only those selected for interviews will be contacted.