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## JOB POSTING

### Youth Peer Support Worker, Foundry Penticton Part-time, Regular

**Job Title:** Youth Peer Support Worker, Foundry Penticton

**Competition #:** FOU 2020 08 13 PSW

#### Overview

[Foundry BC](#) is a provincial initiative to expand access to mental health care, substance use services, primary care, social services and peer supports for young people across BC through a branded network of “one-stop shop” centres. By bringing together a variety of health and social services under one roof and working in partnership with young people and families, *Foundry* helps young people get the help they need when they need it.

The Peer Support Worker is a member of the Foundry Penticton Team and offers peer-based mentoring and emotional support to young people ages 12-24, and works collaboratively with youth, their families and allies, and members of the care team. Reporting to the Centre Manager, the Peer Support Worker plays a key role in ensuring the Centre offers a safe, welcoming, inclusive and youth-friendly environment that facilitates youth engagement, independence and participation. This position assists with the delivery of peer-based walk-in services and is responsible for the organization and facilitation of groups, events and workshops for young people.

This is a part-time position with a typical schedule of **20 hours weekly**.

#### Job Summary

- Facilitates youth activities and programs to provide a safe and accepting environment for young people
- Establishes and maintains trusting and purposeful relationships with clients and supports their engagement and participation in Centre activities
- Provides support, guidance and mentorship for youth, and assists in sharing information on resources and service navigation
- Assists clients toward self-managing all aspects of their life including their mental illness, substance use and/or other health conditions by sharing information and a lived experience perspective
- Assists with creating an effective and supportive connection between service providers and clients, and facilitates awareness of youth/family needs
- Identifies available social, economic, recreational and educational services/resources and facilitates connection between youth, services and supports
- Supports clients to advocate for themselves by problem solving in areas such as landlord-tenant disputes, financial assistance and accessing community resources
- Completes and maintains related records and documentation
- Attends and participates in team meetings, case conferences and Centre initiatives

## Qualifications and Experience

- Grade 12 plus recent, related experience working with youth or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience
- Lived experience with mental illness or substance use, completion of/eligible for completion of a recognized youth peer support training program, and willing to self-identify and share experience
- Demonstrated ability to relate to and engage with youth, and understanding of the value of peer/client involvement
- High degree of self-awareness and capacity to apply appropriate boundaries and maintain confidentiality
- Ability to work independently and in cooperation with others
- Ability to organize and prioritize, and to work with confidence under pressure or in difficult circumstances
- Ability to establish rapport with clients, their families and their support networks, and maintain supportive, collaborative relationships
- Demonstrated ability to recognize changes in clients and communicate those changes to others on the care team
- Demonstrated problem solving and decision-making skills and the ability to gather and process information to support clients and/or the care team
- Basic knowledge of computer skills and social media
- Willing to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends

## Other Requirements

- Clear criminal records check
- Valid BC Class 5 Driver's license, reliable vehicle and clean driver's abstract
- Emergency First Aid and CPR
- Flexible work schedule

**Closing Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020

**To Apply:** Quote Competition # **FOU 2020 08 13 PSW** and submit your resume and cover letter to [resumes@oneskycommunity.com](mailto:resumes@oneskycommunity.com)

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