

JOB POSTING 2021-125-15

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

Foundry Abbotsford
Youth Peer Support Worker
\$19.00 per hour
15 hours per week
Temporary until July 2022

Archway Community Services has been helping people since 1969. We provide more than 90 programs and services to clients at every stage of life. Our vision for the future is justice, opportunities and equitable access for all. We strive toward that goal by fostering community well-being and social justice through positive action and leadership. Come help us help people.

Foundry is a network of support services across British Columbia that includes a combination of local centres and virtual support for youth 12-24 years old in health and wellness. Foundry Abbotsford is a collaboration of over 14 partners to support you in mental health, primary care, substance use, social services and youth and family peer support.

JOB SUMMARY

The Youth Peer Support (YPS) worker participates as a member of the Foundry centre team. Drawing on their own lived experience of mental health and/or substance use challenges, the YPS worker helps youth and young adults with accessing services, resource information, and connect them with Foundry and/or community resources. The YPS worker offers peer-based mentoring and emotional support and works collaboratively with youth and members of the care team. This position assists with the delivery of walk-in services and offers support both on a 1:1 basis and in a group setting. The YPS worker acts as an advocate and role model and helps young people on their lifecare journey.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Plays a key role in ensuring that the centre offers a safe, welcoming, inclusive and youth-friendly environment.
- Establishes a purposeful relationship with young people and supports their engagement and participation in centre services at a level identified by the youth.
- Provides support, guidance and mentorship for youth and assists in sharing information on resources and accessing services.
- Assists youth with the activities of daily living including, but not limited to, time management, organization and interpersonal communication.
- Accompanies youth to appointments in the community.
- Leads or co-facilitates group services to promote skills development and mental health and substance use recovery and relapse prevention.
- Assists with planning, coordinates and/or participates in recreation and social activities.

- Facilitates youth engagement and participation in focus groups, workshops, surveys and related activities.
- Works collaboratively with care team members to meet youth's pre-established goals and objectives.
- Works collaboratively with Youth and Family Engagement Coordinator and YPS worker team to develop and facilitate program needs and objectives, including social media.
- Works collaboratively with centre staff, community and hospital-based teams to build relationships between youth, families, and systems to enhance the awareness of youth/family needs.
- Completes and maintains related records and documentation including statistics, progress reports and care plans.
- Participates in team meetings, case conferences and organizational initiatives.
- Works as a liaison between Foundry Abbotsford, the youth accessing the centre, the Youth and Family Engagement Coordinator and the Foundry Central Office team.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Certification:

- Satisfactory Criminal Records Check
- Valid BC Driver's Licence
- Completion of Grade 12
- Peer Support Training is an asset.

Experience:

- Lived experience with mental illness/substance use and recovery.

Knowledge and Skill Set

- Knowledge of community resources.
- Knowledge of the principles of recovery.
- Demonstrated ability to work with diverse populations and to recognize and respond appropriately to the needs of the peers and consumers.
- Ability to communicate effectively/tactfully both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to organize and prioritize.
- Ability to work under the pressure of interruptions and adapt to changes.
- Ability to problem solve and take initiative.
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively as a member of an interdisciplinary team.
- Ability to operate related equipment.
- Basic computer literacy to operate computerized client care information system.

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Work evenings on a regular basis
- Be able to provide reliable and safe transportation for clients.

As per the current Public Health Orders (Long Term Care/Seniors Assisted Living Provincial Health Order and the Health Sector Order), as of October 26, 2021, all employees working for Foundry Abbotsford must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Proof of vaccination status will be required.

Closing date is December 3rd, 2021

TO APPLY

Interested applicants are to reference **Posting 2021-125-15** in the subject line.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to:

Email: jobpostings@archway.ca

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No phone calls please. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

Your resume may also be forwarded to other Programs for their consideration for their job vacancies. If you do not wish for your application to be shared with other Programs, please send an e-mail to jobpostings@archway.ca with **DO NOT FORWARD TO OTHER PROGRAMS**, in the subject line of the e-mail and the job reference number to which you applied, in the body of the e-mail.

Archway's goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative, at all job levels, of the people we serve. Equity and diversity are essential to excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person.

We invest in the mental health and wellbeing of our employees.