



The Somerset West Community Health Centre, a large multi-service centre with over 100 staff providing health and social services to approximately 13,000 clients in west central Ottawa, is seeking a **Housing Support Worker**. This is a full time contract position until December 31, 2008 with possibility of renewal.

Reporting to the Program Coordinator, Social Services, the Housing Support Worker provides housing search assistance and support for clients of the Emergency Family Shelter. Working collaboratively with shelter staff, the Housing Support Worker develops client service and housing search plans, maintains a housing office and resources at the shelter, and provides crisis intervention, personal support, counselling and practical assistance as required. The successful candidate should have the following qualifications:

- ✓ Bachelor's degree in Social Work or related health discipline or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- ✓ Three years experience in a community setting with emphasis on crisis intervention, community outreach and working with homeless or high risk populations
- ✓ Previous experience working with multicultural populations, disadvantaged groups and/or victims of abuse
- ✓ Excellent communication skills and sensitivity to people from diverse cultural, mental health and socio-economic backgrounds
- ✓ Strong advocacy skills
- ✓ Fluency in English and working knowledge of French required. Other languages desirable.
- ✓ A valid Ontario driver's licence and use of vehicle
- ✓ Basic computer skills

Please send resume with covering letter by January 2, 2008 to:

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Thank you for your interest; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.