



# Somerset West Community Health Centre

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

**JOB POSTING**

**Harm Reduction Outreach Workers**

**2 FTE**

Somerset West Community Health Centre is seeking applications for the following 2 FTE (35 hours per week):

1. Permanent Harm Reduction Outreach Worker
2. Term Contract Harm Reduction Outreach Worker- a contract covering a maternity leave until January 31, 2013.

As part of the Harm Reduction team, the Outreach Workers provide support, case management, health education, and needle exchange/safer inhalation supplies to high risk populations. Services are offered on site at the community health centre as well as in a variety of outreach locations including the mobile van. In addition, the Outreach Workers will provide education and support to the community on harm reduction and the Safer Inhalation Program.

**Each position requires flexibility in hours of work and will involve 2 evening shifts on the mobile van per week.**

## **Requirements**

- Bachelor's degree in Social Work or related health discipline or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Minimum of three (3) years experience working with high risk populations and active drug users.
- Proven experience working independently doing street outreach.
- Excellent knowledge of and experience with a harm reduction approach.
- Good understanding of health promotion, HIV and HCV transmission.
- Demonstrated experience in case management.
- Knowledge of related community resources.
- Experience with homelessness, mental health and addictions.
- Ability to assess and manage crisis situations.
- Ability to work comfortably in non- conventional settings.
- Excellent communication skills and sensitivity to people with differing values and belief systems.
- Sound judgement and strong problem solving skills.
- Ability to work independently, set priorities and manage time effectively.
- Valid driver's license, insurance and use of a personally owned vehicle in good working order.
- Willingness to drive clients to appointments.
- Fluency in English and French; other languages an asset.
- Proficient use of computers and various software applications.
- Successful criminal reference check.

Applications must include your resume and cover letter which clearly demonstrates how you meet the requirements of the position. **Please state clearly which position(s) you are applying for.** Closing date for applications is: **5:00 p.m., February 8, 2012.** Please send applications to the attention of:

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