

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 **Prevention Worker, Operation Hairspray for Phase 2 of the HIV/AIDS prevention project in Ottawa's African and Caribbean communities.**

Reporting to the Director, Community and Social Services, the Prevention Worker, African and Caribbean communities is responsible for the planning and delivery of all project activities relating to the Operation Hairspray initiative phase 2. These include conducting action research in an effort to explore and expand the Operation Hairspray model of delivering prevention education to hard to reach target groups, evaluating the impact that stigma and discrimination have on community development approaches to the delivery of prevention strategies, identifying strategies that reach more men within the African and Caribbean communities and evaluating the impact of the prevention approach on the hairdresser's client.

Operation Hairspray was a successful Ottawa Public Health department demonstration project that engaged hairdressers and barbers as peer volunteers in salons whose primary client base were clients from the African and Caribbean communities. The peer volunteers received training and prevention information on HIV/AIDS and were able to share the health promotion information with clients.

The successful candidate should have the following qualifications:

- Bachelor of Social Work degree or equivalent
- Three years experience in a community setting with emphasis on community development
- Strong knowledge of adult education, health promotion and harm reduction
- Knowledge of, and connection to the African and Caribbean communities in Ottawa
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with staff, volunteers and community partners
- Self-directed and able to take initiative
- Ability to work flexible hours
- Committed to team work
- Excellent writing skills to prepare reports and proposals and excellent presentation skills
- A valid driver's licence and use of a vehicle is required

LANGUAGE(S):

- English, other languages an asset.

This is a full-time, one year contract position.

No phone calls please. We thank all applicants, however only candidates under consideration will be contacted.

Please send resume with covering letter by April 14th, 2008 to:

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