**WHISTLER COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY**

**Outreach Worker**

**JOB STATUS**: Full time, 3-4 month contract

**REPORTS TO**: Outreach Program Manager

**BENEFITS:** Eligible after 3 months

**HOURS/WEEK:** 40 hours per week (Tuesday-Saturday 10am-6pm)

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**: Vulnerable Sector Check Completed Upon Initial Hiring Process

**MISSION STATEMENT:** We support and advocate for a healthy community.

**VALUE:** Advocacy, Respect, Collaboration, Inclusion, Trust

**OVERVIEW:**

* As an Outreach Worker at WCSS, you will use your own emotional intelligence to connect with and provide no cost confidential support to individuals of all ages and families from diverse backgrounds. You will use your experience in social services to engage individuals who may be experiencing mental/physical health challenges, financial insecurity, substance use, relationship challenges and parenting or prenatal support. There is a high potential for exposure when working with clients who may have known or suspected cases of COVID-19.
* You will closely collaborate with the food security team and administration team with various tasks including intake and greeting community members upon arriving to the building including during open food bank hours, assist with drop in food bank requests, answer incoming phone calls and direct clients to appropriate personnel

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBLITIES**:

* Develop relationships of mutual trust and respect with clients and community partners
* Meet with clients in-person in office, in the community, by telephone or virtually to assess their progress, give support and discuss any difficulties or problems and make appropriate referrals
* Participate in community engagement events and provide small and large group education and awareness sessions about WCSS and community services
* Lead WCSS internal programming for community members
* Be available for drop-in outreach appointments as well as have regular scheduled time for community members to book appointments online with you
* Provide advocacy for clients and support for clients around harm reduction
* Refer all clients to appropriate community services and programs where needed
* Engage local communities to provide education on outreach work and WCSS by using an inclusion and anti-oppression framework
* Prepare statistics, forms, case notes and expenditures
* Work with the Manager of Outreach Services to adhere to budget
* Follow all WCSS policies and procedures and adhere to the Covid19 Exposure Plan
* Actively contribute to a culture of collaboration that supports equity and work life balance

**YOUR EXPERIENCE CAN INCLUDE:**

* Completion of a college or university program in social work, child and youth care, psychology or other social service would be considered an asset
* A minimum of 2 years’ experience working in social services or health-related discipline or equivalent
* Mental Health First Aid, Safe Talk & Assist Training and Cultural Competency are an asset
* A flexible, self-motivated team player with resiliency and adaptability
* Has knowledge or willing to gain knowledge on community mental health resources and how to make appropriate referrals
* Proficient in Microsoft Office, social media platforms, e-mail, and Jane App
* Commitment to anti-racism and anti-oppression training

**PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND KEY SKILLS:**

* Flexible and adaptable. This is a fast-changing work environment
* Strong organizational and administrative skills
* Effective time and task management skills
* Sound self-care strategies with professional boundaries
* Excellent interpersonal skills with strong verbal, written and listening skills
* High attention to detail and high level of accuracy
* Possess social and cultural awareness and sensitivity
* Demonstrate strong integrity and work ethics
* Excellent team player
* Allyship to marginalized communities and committed to anti-racism framework