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Roving Leader Youth Worker

Position Type: Auxiliary

Date Posted: Feb 1, 2012

Location(s): Vancouver –Downtown Eastside,
based out of Britannia

Application Deadline: Mon Feb 13, 2012

Employer: Britannia Community Services Centre

Years Experience: 2-3 years

Overview:

The Vancouver Roving Leaders Program is a flexible, community-based program that is connecting and engaging children and youth in the Grandview-Woodlands, Strathcona, Downtown Eastside, Renfrew- Collingwood and Hastings-Sunrise neighborhoods. The project is in partnership with the Network of Inner City Inclusive Services Society, with direct supervision provided by Britannia Community Services Centre staff.

The Roving Leader is a youth team staff member who works outside the walls and boundaries of the traditional youth-work or recreation setting. Roving Leaders engage children and youth identified by community members, parents and the Community Case Planning Table in recreation, cultural and community activities. Working with youth on an attachment-based model, Roving Leaders offer both prevention and intervention to these children, while connecting them to school, community organizations and service providers.

Our aim is to support the youth and their families through an attachment-based program that emphasizes their strengths and personal goals and ensures positive results, including engagement in recreation and cultural programs, connection to community and positive links to school and home life.

Goals:

- Identify and connect with vulnerable children and youth identified by community partners; initiate relationship building with children and youth
- Provide support, advocacy and referrals to children, youth and families in the target group
- Plan, organize and support educational, social and life skill building activities
- Connect youth with their community, community organisations and service providers.
- Collaborate and liaise with other agencies and programs in the Inner City Network and through the Community Case Planning Table



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Responsibilities:

- Outreach activities to children and youth and their families with a focus on those who are not accessing current programs
- Work collaboratively with Network members and Community Case Planning Table to create/ coordinate programs to engage children and youth
- Provide support to youth through crisis intervention, advocacy, one to one work and case management; provide referrals to existing partner organizations/ programs
- Coordinate opportunities for children and youth that will empower them and their families through community-based meetings/ workshops that will promote neighbourhood connections
- Community outreach, engaging youth in public settings

Qualifications:

- 2 to 3 years experience working with at-risk youth, including direct experience in youth outreach work, plus applicable training and education
- Degree or diploma in health or social services, child and youth worker program certificate, or recreation is an asset
- Training and experience in program planning and delivery and leadership development
- Experience in research, program development or project planning an asset
- Experience working with high risk youth and knowledge of community resources
- Sensitivity and knowledge in dealing with youth from different cultural and racial backgrounds
- Ability to deal with conflict situations
- Risk management assessment experience
- Training in behavior management techniques and non-violent crisis intervention
- Flexibility regarding assigned work hours (evenings and weekend work required)
- Ability to work with a high degree of independence
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal
- Fluency in English essential, fluency in Spanish and/or Vietnamese are a strong asset, other languages also desirable
- Proficiency in the use of computers and various software applications
- First Aid and CPR-C are required, or certification prior to work commencement.
- Class 4 Driver's License, Foodsafe
- Completion of a police check is required

Remuneration: Pay grade 12 (\$19.63-23.00/hr)

This position falls under the jurisdiction of CUPE Local 15 (VMECW)

The position is dependant on annual funding approval.

Applications:

Please submit resume by Monday, February 13, 5pm.

Resumes can be mailed to: Tom Higashio
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Thanks to all those who apply- only successful applicants will be contacted.