



Job Summary

Department:

Indigenous Early Years

Hourly Pay:

TBD

Deadline:

This posting shall remain open until the position is filled.

Submit your resume and cover letter to:

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Housing Outreach Worker (Reaching Homes)

Full-Time (Interim)

About Vancouver Aboriginal Health Society (VAHS) & Indigenous Early Years (IEY):

Vancouver Aboriginal Health Society (VAHS) is a not-for-profit healthcare and social services provider that strives to improve and promote the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health of people in Greater Vancouver, with a focus on the urban Indigenous population.

The Wa chxw yuu ("Take Care") Reaching Home program at Indigenous Early Years provides culturally safe, holistic housing services for urban Aboriginal families in the Vancouver area.

Wa chxw yuu's services are designed and delivered by Indigenous women who use their cultural teachings and a strengths-based, trauma-informed approach to help families meet their housing needs. We are looking for an interim Full-time worker for this position.

Examples of Duties and Responsibilities

Working within the context of a client-centered care approach and the vision/values of the VAHS, the Indigenous Reaching Homes Coordinator worker will:

- Have a solid understanding of the Reaching Home Directives
- Attend all Coordinated Access Meetings alternate
- Attend related committee meetings within Surrey
- Input data ensure all data is current on activity reports
- Complete all Reaching Home requirements
- Provide client support to our urban Indigenous community
- Provide referrals
- Provide supports to help Reaching Home clients in obtaining their basic needs such as shelter, recovery homes, transition homes, assistance with medical appointments, housing, employment and personal development.
- Provide cultural supports and services to assist in healing for individuals, families, and our urban Indigenous community
- Have a solid understanding of the historical and current effects of: Colonization, intergenerational and direct effects of residential schools and homelessness.
- Actively participate in FRAFCA events, such as but not limited to, cultural workshops/youth night, outreach events, NIPD, and homeless counts. This can include evenings and weekends.
- Other duties as required.

Qualification Requirements

- Education and Experience
- College Certificate or Diploma in Social Services or relevant equivalent
- A vehicle and/or ability to drive clients is a necessity
- Minimum 1 years' experience in with vulnerable individuals or families or a combination of relevant education and experience
- Previous experience working with the urban Indigenous community as an asset
- Must have a broad-based knowledge of homelessness in the Downtown EastSide of Vancouver Region area including, social issues that urban Indigenous people face today, including the intergenerational impact of the residential school system on Indigenous families and communities
- Must possess some knowledge of Indigenous culture and traditions
- Current First Aid training
- Must demonstrate a good working knowledge of community resources in Surrey and surrounding communities, particularly Indigenous specific resources
- Must have strong written and oral communication skills, including the ability to compile accurate records and prepare reports
- Must have a personal support system and self care plan in place

***We are committed to the National Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. VAHS is engaged primarily in promoting or serving the interests of Indigenous peoples, VAHS prioritizes employment to Indigenous peoples.**