



# **VANCOUVER NATIVE HEALTH SOCIETY**

**Work Site:** Primary Care Drop-in Program, Vancouver Native Health Society  
**Position:** Social Worker

## **Summary:**

Within the context of an Aboriginal and client centered model, the social worker is a member of a multi-disciplinary team and provides comprehensive psychosocial service to marginalized HIV positive clientele. This position promotes the inclusion of family and/or community within a multidisciplinary team. Under the general supervision of the Program Coordinator, direct care includes development and maintenance of therapeutic relationships, crisis intervention, psychosocial assessment, resource management, education, advocacy and counseling; indirect care includes community/team functions and program administrative functions. As appropriate, the social worker participates and promotes participation in Aboriginal traditions.

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Assessment and referrals
- Locating and accessing resources
- Conflict resolution, medication, and counseling (addiction, mental health, grief / loss)
- Consultation and collaboration with health care/other professionals
- Preparation and maintenance of clinical records
- Participation in team meetings, case conferences, and continuing education
- Facilitation in-house staff education/workshops

## **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Broad knowledge of aboriginal health, history and traditions
- Extensive knowledge of mental health, addiction, poverty and discrimination within Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.
- Effective communication skills (verbally and written)
- Ability to identify, understand differing cultural beliefs and their impact on individuals
- Skilled in planning, prioritizing and executing in a fast-paced changing work environment
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a multidisciplinary team
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Ability to physically perform duties required of position
- Class 5 British Columbia Driver's license

## **Qualifications:**

- Bachelor degree in Social Work from accredited post-secondary institution
- Current full registration with British Columbia College of Social Workers
- Minimum one year hospital/medical social work experience or equivalent
- Professional experience working with marginalized Aboriginal urban populations

## **Position and Wage:**

Part-time (20 hrs/week). Hours of work, including days off and work space are subject to change with operational requirements.

Position available immediately.

Wage: Commensurate with experience

## **Contact Information:**

Please email your current resume with cover letter indicating why you are the right candidate for this position.

Documents must be attached in PDF format.

No phone calls please.

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Attn: Program Manager

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*We encourage all qualified people to apply. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Where applicants for a position are equally suitable, preference will be given to the aboriginal applicant.*