



South Okanagan Similkameen Brain Injury Society

Homeless Outreach Worker – *temp to possible permanent role

The South Okanagan Similkameen Brain Injury Society (**SOSBIS**), now a registered charity was founded in 1989 by a group of brain injury survivors and family members. Here at SOSBIS, we provide support to individuals and families who are dealing with the effects of traumatic and acquired brain injuries. We are registered under the British Columbia Non-Profit Act, which allows us to provide support to individuals and families who are living with the effects of acquired brain injury.

The housing department at SOSBIS acts as a centralized information hub, with deep knowledge of the social services landscape. They focus on providing basic needs like food, water, and clothing, as well as housing search assistance and financial support to address barriers to housing. They also provide ongoing mediation and advocacy to help clients maintain their housing long-term.

The housing department has developed strong partnerships with various community organizations and service providers. This allows them to coordinate care and "wrap around" clients with support from multiple agencies, avoiding duplication of services.

1 Full-time Position (35 hours/week) in our Homeless Outreach Program

***Please note:** *This is a position for medical leave replacement which could possibly lead to a permanent position*

Worker will be available to provide outreach services to adults that are homeless or at risk of being homeless within the Penticton area, Monday – Friday.

Job requires the following:

- Outreach services to engage people who are experiencing Homelessness or At Risk of Homelessness
- Assessing Client's needs
- Assisting with personal goals
- Connecting individuals and families with Housing and appropriate services
- A team approach to Outreach Services
- Participate in client referral and follow-up
- Transportation for clients as needed to access services
- Advocate and/or mediate on behalf of clients

- Support clients meeting basic needs

Qualifications:

- Relevant post-secondary education; BSW or other related discipline
- Minimum 2 years current experience working with multiple barrier clients
- Previous Case Management experience an asset
- First Aid, Therapeutic Crisis Intervention, Suicide Intervention; Trauma Informed training
- Computer proficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel, email and HIFIS
- Valid class 5 Driver's License; with own reliable vehicle, as driving is a job requirement
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills; must possess strong interpersonal and communication skills and have experience working in team environment
- Ability to work with high risk clientele;
- Knowledge of the Aboriginal Culture; and First Nations
- Clean criminal record

Why SOBSIS?

This is an opportunity to work with an incredible team of colleagues who have made a tremendous impact in the community. Many of the employees at SOBSIS have been at the organization for many years.

Benefits – after 90 days probation:

- Prescription Costs
- Dental Benefits
- Vision Care
- Life Insurance
- Professional Services: Chiropractor, Massage Therapist, Naturopath, etc.

Further there will be:

- On the Job Mentoring & Training
- Ongoing Career Opportunities
- Reimbursement of Employment Mileage

Salary: \$26-27/hr per hour, depending on experience

Please send your resume to Katherine Eriksen (Cat & Mouse Recruitment) at katherine@catandmouserecruitment.ca

We thank you for your interest, but only short- listed candidates will be contacted.