



Vancouver Aboriginal Transformative Justice Services Society (VATJSS)

TEMPORARY 6 MONTH CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Indigenous Housing Support Worker
Closing Date: When Position has been filled
Hours: Monday to Friday (40 hours/week);
Salary: Commensurate with experience \$48,000-\$54,000/year

Position Summary:

VATJSS provides a continuum of care when addressing homelessness and its link to crime prevention and cycles of poverty. The Indigenous Housing Support Program is an integral piece of the holistic approach that VATJSS is dedicated to providing. The Indigenous Housing Support Worker assists and empowers clients who may be facing homelessness issues along with all other challenges that may put them at risk of being homeless.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Conduct client intake, assessment and follow up;
- Create and maintain accurate and up-to-date client database records, case management;
- Support clients' access to the full spectrum of housing subsets, including subsidized, supportive, private and market housing, ;
- Support clients' access to income supports, financial assistance including money management;
- Collect information on and participate in team, agency and partner communication on systemic housing issues;
- Attend and participate in advisory committees as needed, including agency partners' meetings;
- Create linkages and referral services for clients who are or are at risk of being homeless

Knowledge, Skills and Qualifications:

- Minimum 2 years of experience in a relevant field in a community-based housing or related agency;
- Two (2) years of completed post-secondary education in Social Work or other relevant discipline or work experience and asset;
- A thorough understanding of Indigenous Homelessness issues facing clients in the Metro Vancouver area
- Strong mediation and problem-solving skills;
- Excellent spoken and written communication skills in English
- A demonstrable understanding of anti-oppression frameworks, social change and cultural competency;
- Strong computer literacy skills (i.e. word processing, databases, and email) and experience working in on-line environments with web-based tools;
- The ability to work both independently and within a team context;
- The ability to handle stressful client situations;
- The physical ability to function effectively in a working environment that includes both a normal office environment and duties in an external setting;
- Possess or be willing to acquire current criminal record check, (to be submitted)
- Valid BC driver's license and vehicle an asset

Please submit your resume and cover letter (NO phone calls please)

Attention: Donalee White, Director of Coordinated Services

Via e-mail at **hr@vatjss.com**

*Pursuant to section 41 of the BC Human Rights Code, preference may be given to applicants of
Indigenous Ancestry.*