



CANADIAN MENTAL
HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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YORK REGION BRANCH
Serving York Region and South Simcoe

Posting Date: July 29, 2010
Closing Date: August 13, 2010

Our Mission: To be a Recognized Leader in Promoting and Supporting Mental Health in Our Community

Our Values:

We Believe in: Equity of Access; Prevention, Early Identification and Intervention; Community Awareness through Information and Knowledge; Collaboration, Service Integration and Strategic Partnerships; Respecting Diversity; Empowerment and Inclusion; Excellence and Innovation

MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATOR Youth Wellness Program Competition # 201012

Hours of work: 35 hours per week

Location: York Region

Job Profile:

The Mental Health Educator is responsible for researching, developing, scheduling, delivering and evaluating mental health related, educational workshops for students at both elementary and secondary levels, for teachers and other community professionals, corporations, and the general public. Consultations with teachers, parents and administrators, as well as recommendations and access to community services are often carried out. Identification and follow up of high-risk students is implemented with school administrators.

In addition to compliance with all organizational policies and procedures, the incumbent is also expected to behave ethically, demonstrate competence in effective communication and team building, demonstrate effectiveness in working in a collaborative environment, and demonstrate confidence in decision-making and in building relationships.

Major Duties/Responsibilities:

This position reports to and is supervised by the Director of Operations.

- Maintains currency related to new developments in child and adolescent mental health promotion
- Is familiar with and adheres to relevant provincial laws, including, but not limited to the Mental Health Act, the Child and Family Services Act, the Health Care consent Act, the Ontario Human Rights Code
- Develops new workshops and update existing ones to reflect new knowledge in the mental health field
- Makes presentations on mental health issues to elementary and secondary level students, teachers, guidance counselors, school administrators and Parent Councils as requested
- Delivers workshops in a professional and culturally sensitive manner tailoring style to the needs and interests of the audience
- Identifies high risk students, undertakes a crisis risk assessment, prepares an incident log and makes appropriate referrals within the School Board and where required, to external resources
- Maintains familiarity with a wide range of formal services and informal supports to link clients to services, supports and resources in the agency and larger community
- Provides follow-up by consulting, giving additional support, and discussing possible plans of action with appropriate School Board personnel where a child or youth has been deemed to be high risk, or in need of protection by the CAS
- Responds to inquiries from professionals, schools, or outside agencies for information, printed material, community agency referrals and recommendations related to possible courses of action with respect to children and youth with mental health issues
- Anticipates, understands, and responds to the needs of internal and external clients to meet or exceed their expectations within the organizational parameters

- Performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned by their Supervisor

Qualifications & Skills:

- Degree or diploma in social work, child and youth work, psychology or a related discipline
- Current registration with the OCSWSSW is preferred
- 3 years or more experience in the mental health field
- Formal training and education in child and adolescent development and mental health, education, group work, program planning and evaluation, community facilitation and development
- Extensive knowledge of supports and services in York Region, including formal and informal resources
- Ability to apply Recovery principles and empowerment-oriented philosophies and practices in work with clients
- Ability to assess risk to individuals and take informed action in crisis situations
- Ability to prioritize needs and organize work efficiently
- Aptitude in developing innovative approaches to service delivery
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Excellent problem-solving and decision making skills
- Proficiency with various forms of presentation media
- Competence in relevant computer applications particularly Microsoft Office and Outlook
- A second language reflecting the local community is preferred

Requirements:

- A valid Canadian driver's license, a minimum \$1,000,000 third party liability insurance
- A satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Screening (Police Check)

Working Conditions:

- Schools or classroom settings, community settings, some office work
- Occasional weekend/evening hours may be required

Disclaimer

In keeping with mental health reform, best practices, funding and direction this position may later require knowledge, skills, abilities and working conditions not noted here.

Application Procedures

Submit cover letter and resume to the Human Resources Department **by August 13, 2010** quoting Competition # **201012**.

Email: careers@cmha-yr.on.ca

Mail: CMHA York Region
1091 Gorham Street, Unit 300
Newmarket ON L3Y 8X7

Fax: (905) 853-1051

CMHA, York Region Branch supports the recovery of people with mental illness and promotes diversity in the workplace. We encourage consumers, women, aboriginal people, people with disabilities, members of the LGBTQQI, visible minority and immigrant communities to apply.

While we thank all candidates for their interest, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. No telephone calls or other enquiries please.