



Pandemic Wellness Navigators JOB SUMMARY

This posting is for two (2) full-time, term Positions with the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) as Pandemic Wellness Navigators (PWN). The PWN is responsible for developing and implementing COVID-19 related resources and communications materials while also providing support, advocacy, resources, and referrals, and assisting individuals transitioning into housing.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Engage with the Indigenous Street Community (ISC) and build relationships.
- Identifying members of the ISC that would benefit from ACEH services, including the IAHRP Cohort Family, women's housing at SPAKEN House and the Cohort moving into independent housing.
- Offering de-escalation support by taking House Family Members off-site when necessary, preventing verbal and physical altercations that are not safe or conducive to physical distancing.
- Offering COVID-19 system navigation and coordination support to outreach clients by:
 - Assisting with COVID-19 relief application processes.
 - Ensuring members of the ISC are able to attend important meetings and appointments (meetings with probation officers, lawyers, court dates, social workers/family visitation, medical appointments, etc.) while also adhering to public health and site-specific measures related to COVID-19 prevention.
- Assisting ACEH housing staff with developing and implementing COVID-19 plans and policies; playing a key role to bridge information to the House Family Members.
- Developing and distributing educational materials to staff and House Family Members related to:
 - Current information and directives from the BC Public Health Officer.
 - Wise practices for PPE, sanitation, and personal hygiene during COVID-19.
 - Drug use and harm reduction during COVID-19.
- Creating, implementing, and leading opportunities for alternative forms of wellness during the pandemic (ex: walking programs, outdoor yoga, land-based healing, etc.)
- Support the Indigenous Street Community to attend land-based healing opportunities.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education a diploma or certificate in a related field and/or two years of related experience, e.g., advocacy, liaison, support worker, project planning and coordination.

Required to complete the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Criminal Record Check prior to commencement of employment.

Required valid Driver's License and dependable vehicle.

Required given to those with experience in creating communications materials including newsletters, memos, briefings, presentations, posters, etc.



Required experience or personal insights into working cooperatively and nonjudgmentally with people with disabilities, lived experience, addictions; experience working with Indigenous peoples and an awareness of the impacts of colonization; experience working with non-profit organizations, family support, social services, and/or chronic homelessness.

Preference given to those with valid First Aid certificate and Naloxone training.

Skills and Ability

- Excellent ability to deal professionally, effectively, and non-judgmentally with a broad range of personalities, needs, cultures and abilities.
- Strong writing skills and excellent verbal communication skills.
- Excellent organizational skills:
 - Solid time management skills, with the ability to complete and prioritize a variety of tasks within a given timeline, with adherence to important deadlines
 - Ability to accurately track and submit program expenses, invoices, and stipends tracking
 - Ability to work within a budget and report on budget regularly.
- Computer proficient and able to use Microsoft Office products.
- Ability to work both independently, take initiative when necessary, and work collaboratively as part of a team
- Understanding of the intergenerational trauma that occurs as a result of colonization, Residential Schools, Sixties Scoop, and other oppressive systems as well as the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Preference will be given to qualified candidate with Indigenous ancestry.

Rate of Pay: \$24/hour

Term: Available now until the end of June 2021 with possibility of continuation. Hours of work, 40 per week, 3 days per week and 2 evenings per week (Tuesday-Saturday).

Please send your resume and cover letter to jobs@acehsociety.com (please cc director@ACEHsociety.com). Only those short-listed will be contacted.