



LIFE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION IS HIRING FOR A TWELVE WEEK CONTRACTED INDIGENOUS PEER SUPPORT AND OUTREACH WORKER

MINISTRY CONTEXT:

LIFE Recovery Association (LIFE) is a registered charity and Christian ministry that exists to support women in recovery from addiction. We provide abstinence-based programs in 4 homes in the Clearbrook Corridor of Abbotsford, BC.

JOB SUMMARY -PRIMARY FOCUS:

The Indigenous Peer Support and Outreach Worker is a new role at LIFE Recovery, funded by a Reaching Home grant. The goal is to enhance supports to Indigenous residents by:

1. helping to create a culturally safe environment
2. offering resources and direction to residents and co-workers
3. connecting with local service providers and potential residents

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Identify knowledge gaps for the organization, staff and volunteers
- Identify culturally safe practices that would be complementary to the current program
- Provide LIFE with resources and information to enhance supports for women during pre and post admission and while in the program
- Create and facilitate a learning event for LIFE staff, volunteers, and residents
- Engage with local service providers including: Fraser Valley Metis Association, Stó:lō Service Agency, local bands, First Nations Health Authority and other similar agencies for resources for Indigenous women in addiction and recovery with a focus on relapse prevention
- Provide peer support to Indigenous women in the program
- Provide outreach services at LIFE's thrift stores or those living unhoused near LIFE's facilities
- Transport clients to appointments and offsite activities, as needed
- Support the general programming at LIFE with occasional Support Worker shift coverage (role description available on request)

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

- Social Services Diploma with an emphasis on Indigenous studies
- Minimum of one (1) year recent related experience or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience
- Strong analytical skills and decision-making ability
- Demonstrated ability to deal with highly sensitive and confidential material and situations
- Current Class 5 Drivers License (minimum)
- Current Naloxone, Food Safe and First Aid Certification
- Sobriety of at least TWO years (no abuse of alcohol, drugs, or other mood-altering substances)
- Understanding of the impact of residential schools is key
- Understanding of generational trauma is key
- Knowledge of alcohol & drug and mental health disorders is an asset
- As required under the Assisted Living Act: "a course, or a combination of courses, of at least 20 hours duration in one or more of the following subjects or a willingness to complete this within the first 90 days:
 - counselling;

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- crisis intervention and conflict resolution;
- psychosocial intervention for substance use disorders;
- trauma-informed practice”
- Employees of LIFE agree with the Code of Ethics, Community Standards Policy, Mission, Statement of Faith, Vision, and Core Values (available to candidates on request)

Interested applicants are encouraged to learn more about LIFE, by looking at our website:

www.liferecovery.ca

Hours of work: 40 hours weekly, days of work to be determined based on community engagement opportunities and program needs.

Evening and weekends may be required in a 24/7 operation.

This is a 12-week contract with compensation of \$35.00 per hour.

There are no deductions or employee benefits with this contract. You will be responsible for any payments or deductions required by the Canada Revenue Agency for earned income.

Preference will be given to Indigenous applicants who meet the hiring qualifications and experience.

Depending on funding, ongoing permanent employment may be possible at the end of the contract.

Qualified applicants are to submit a cover letter and resume in PDF to Coletta Holmes, Executive Director director@liferecovery.ca .