

Assertive Continuing Care Counsellor Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre

Job Categories: Counsellor: Youth
Position Type: Full Time and Contract
Job Region: ON - Ottawa Area
Career Level: Experienced (Non-manager)
Ad Online Since: 03/25/2011
Application Deadline: 04/08/2011

Are you interested in helping adolescents and their families overcome addiction and mental health problems as part of a new Centre of Excellence?

The Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre (DSYTC) has embarked on both an exciting and challenging journey. We recently opened a youth residential treatment facility in Carp as well as assumed service responsibilities for a residential treatment facility in Carleton Place. As a result of our expansion, we now deliver evidence-based programming from 3 campuses: Carleton Place, Carp and Bronson (downtown Ottawa).

The Assertive Continuing Care Counsellor is the central resource in the post residential aftercare program which recognizes that adolescents who are placed in residential treatment are among the most severely impaired, are at great risk for relapse when they are discharged, and require an assertive aftercare program to assist them during their difficult transition period.

The ACC Counsellor continues the delivery of A-CRA procedures initiated while in residential care which focus on the rearranging of environmental contingencies that make alcohol/drug non-use more rewarding than use within the goals and objectives set out in the ACC manual. Timely response (within 48 hours of discharge) and linkage with community resources are hallmarks of this outreach position. The ACC Counsellor is assigned to our Bronson location.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES (This is not an exhaustive list)

- Promote abstinence from alcohol and drugs as adolescents return to the very environment that was conducive to their drug use upon discharge from treatment.
- Provide, directly or in collaboration with community partners, a variety of continuing care services to help the adolescent and the family continue to shape an environment that rewards non-use and healthy behaviour.
- Offer support and strategies that are consistent with the harm reduction philosophy of the DSYTC.
- Assist and guide the adolescent in creating a balanced and satisfying lifestyle, filling social and recreational gaps, developing positive relationships with friends, and family members.
- Reinforce coping skills learned in the residential setting (including dealing with cravings, managing triggers - including the applicability of the adolescent's emergency plan).
- Continue to enhance self-efficacy which may require exploring self-esteem issues and reinforcing self-esteem and building upon incremental achievements.
- As assigned from time to time, administer GAIN follow up tools as part of the organization's outcome measurement and accountability program.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

- Diploma from a Community College (ideally a Bachelor's or Graduate level University degree) in behavioural sciences with priority given to the disciplines of addiction counselling or social work.
- 3+ years addiction counselling experience.
- Ability to work effectively in an automated office environment, including the use of various software such as electronic mail, word processing, spreadsheet, database, internet, etc.
- Valid Class 'G' driver's license and use of a vehicle.
- Current Police Records Check for Service with the Vulnerable Sector.

PREFERRED:

- Certification as a GAIN site administrator or local site interviewer
- Outreach experiences a definite asset.

Salary: \$44,800 to \$56,000

We offer a comprehensive benefits package, as well as opportunities for personal and professional growth in a supportive environment.

Interested? Please email your resume in confidence to: linda.b@davesmithcentre.org.

We sincerely thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.