Addiction Counsellor Job Posting
Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre

Job Categories: Counsellor: Youth
Position Type: Casual
Job Region: Carleton Place – Ont.
Career Level: Experienced (Non-manager)

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

The Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre (DSYTC) has embarked on both an exciting and challenging journey. We provide services for youth at residential treatment facilities in Carp as well 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 Addiction Counsellor is an important component of the organizations resources supporting the activities delivered to adolescents and young adults within the therapeutic milieu environment.

The Addiction Counsellor is expected to be a role model responsible for guiding clients towards successful outcomes identified in the treatment plan.

The Addiction Counsellor is the organization’s time-predominant resource for clients while in residential care, offering them a variety of manualized psycho-education programs, and contributes to the development of client self-efficacy and recovery skills mechanisms by coaching and role modeling.

The psycho-educational services provided by the Addiction Counsellor to both adolescents/young adults and family members are an essential adjunct to the therapy provided by the Addiction Therapist as is the provision of feedback by the Addiction Counsellor to the Addiction Therapist on the client’s progress of treatment plan objectives.
Under the A-CRA program, the Addiction Counsellor is responsible for the delivery of psycho-educational services to both adolescents/young adults as an essential adjunct to the therapy provided by the Addiction Therapist and is expected to work collaboratively with the Addiction Therapist.

**MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES (This is not an exhaustive list)**

- Develops a strong therapeutic relationship with the adolescent and makes use of the relationship to help the client acknowledge the existence of addiction related problems in order to develop the motivation for change, adjusting and adapting the changing tasks that adolescents face at different stages of the treatment plan.

- Plans and facilitates developmentally appropriate Pro-Social activities delivered both in the community and on-site as needed.

- Works independently as a member of the team which is oriented towards focusing resources to achieve treatment goals.

- Delivers, in group settings, a variety of educational and psycho-educational sessions as requisitioned by the addiction therapist or as determined by manualized programs.

- Fosters support and reinforces the clinical goals of the A-CRA program by assisting the adolescent in understanding the relapse process and developing, implementing relapse prevention strategies, and facilitating and/or encouraging various pro-social behaviours identified by the Addiction Therapist.

**EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES**

- At minimum possesses a Bachelor’s level University degree with specialization in behavioural sciences with priority given to the disciplines of psychology, clinical social work or clinical counseling

- A minimum of one year of experience in an addiction treatment setting

- 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.

- Our residential locations are not serviced by public transportation therefore a valid Class ‘G’ driver’s license and use of a vehicle is required

- Current Police Records Check for Service with the Vulnerable Sector.

**Salary:** $19.17 - $23.96 hourly

We offer opportunities for personal and professional growth in a supportive environment.

Please email your resume in confidence to: hr@davesmithcentre.org.

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