

We Never Say No. We Never Give up. We Never Turn Anyone Away.

Wood's Homes is a multi-service, nationally accredited **non-profit children's mental health centre** based in Calgary. Today we have over 500 employees and provide more than 40 programs for 28,000 children and their families each year in Calgary, Lethbridge, Strathmore, and Fort McMurray.

Commitment to high-risk adolescents, challenged with some very tough issues, is not easy. These are the times when our frontline workers spring into action. The type of work we do requires quick thinking, confidence, forgiveness and persistence.

We are currently seeking a **Crisis Counsellor I or II (1 year term with possibility for extension)** for our **EXIT Community Outreach Program**. This program is a storefront, outreach and mobile van service located in the Inglewood community. The program provides immediate walk-in access to crisis counseling, employment/housing support as well as recreational opportunities to vulnerable and/or at risk youth ages 12 to 24. EXIT also promotes the health and wellbeing of young people through an on-site medical clinic as well as, mental health and addictions support.

As a key member of the team, the Crisis Counsellor is responsible for assessing and developing treatment plans related to individuals and families experiencing a crisis.

The successful candidate will be responsible for **providing addictions supports** to vulnerable and at risk youth, assessing and developing treatment plans aimed at increasing addictions/mental health supports in the community, identifying natural supports, increasing protective factors, and promoting prevention strategies through a harm reduction and trauma informed practice.

This position reports to the Supervisor of the EXIT Community Outreach Program.

RESPONSIBILITIES include but are not limited to:

- Providing emergency face-to-face meetings in the home, community or at a Resource Centre
- **Facilitate individual or group workshops on addictions related topics**
- Ensuring all personal calling for crisis assistance receive prompt, professional and effective services.
- Ensuring community professionals collaterally involved with a case are kept up to date about developments and are included in case planning.
- Assisting in the development of evaluation tools and collection of data to demonstrate program use and community needs.
- Supports other Wood's programs by offering crises support, works collaboratively with other professionals as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION:

- Undergraduate or graduate degree in the Social Sciences or related field.
- **Specialization or focus in addictions would be an asset.**
- Two (2) – three (3) years of residential/community child and youth care experience, and / or crisis work experience is preferable.
- Must have own transportation.
- Personal suitability is important.

Wood's Homes is proud to be awarded one of the 100 Best Places to Work in Canada for 2011 and 2012, as well as one of Canada's Best Workplaces for Women in 2011. We offer an exceptional benefits package including vision, dental, extended health, a generous Group Registered Pension Plan and a Computer Literacy Incentive Plan.

Please submit a resume to Wood's Homes – Human Resources Department (Parkdale Campus) via email to: human.resources@woodshomes.ca. Please quote competition code '**Last Name, First Name, Exit Outreach CC**' in the subject line. We thank all applicants for their interest, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please visit us at www.woodshomes.ca for more information about our organization.