

Formerly Abbotsford Community Services

JOB POSTING #2024-19-02

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

Abbotsford Addictions Centre

School Based Addictions Prevention Worker

Wage: \$26.74 to \$30.69 per hour

Pending CSSEA JJEP evaluation

Full Time: 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday

This position requires union membership.

Develop and Implement Health Promotion Activities for Youth

Join the team at Archway!

Come Help Us Help People

Location: Abbotsford

Employees will be assigned to site locations in the Abbotsford area, based on program needs, client needs, and schedule requirements.

On Site

Job Summary:

The School Based Addictions Prevention Worker reports directly to the Program Supervisor and is responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating health promotion and substance misuse prevention activities for youth who are Punjabi and English speaking in the Abbotsford School District. **This position requires the ability to communicate in both Punjabi and English.**

Your Role:

Archway's School Based Addictions Prevention Worker with the Abbotsford Addictions Centre contributes by:

- In consultation with school personnel, Abbotsford Addictions Centre, and community organizations, developing, implementing and evaluating health promotion and substance misuse prevention activities such as information sessions, classroom presentations, group discussions, peer mentor training and support, and life skills training.
- Supporting teachers in class presentations by providing information, educational resources, and promotional materials.
- Recruiting, training, and supporting peer mentors in each of the high schools. With input from the peer mentors and students, developing, providing, and implementing a life skills training course to promote health choices.
- Providing short-term counselling (maximum 3 sessions) and screening to facilitate early identification and response and facilitating appropriate referrals.

- Educating school personnel on health promotion and substance misuse prevention by participating in meetings, conducting in-service education sessions, and providing educational resources and promotional materials.
- Assisting in the planning of and participating in school and community substance misuse awareness initiatives such as Addictions Awareness Week, Counterattack Clubs.
- Providing recommendations on and participating in the development of school health policies and initiatives.

This position is a great fit for someone who communicates in both Punjabi and English, has knowledge of health promotion strategies appropriate to school-based programs, has excellent interpersonal skills, and has life skills training techniques and knowledge of the system of care.

Our Offer

- Wage: \$26.74 to \$30.69 per hour (pending CSSEA JJEP evaluation)
- A full-time position at 35 hours per week, availability Mondays to Fridays, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Union membership is required.
- Benefits include:
 - Three weeks' pro-rated vacation.
 - Employee health and welfare benefits
 - Employee and Family Assistance Program that includes online access to wellness resources.
 - Great in-house training opportunities.
 - Rewarding work in a positive environment.
 - Work/Life balance.

Getting an Interview – you will be considered if you have:

- A diploma in addictions prevention, or a related human/social service field.
- A health promotions background is preferred.
- Direct program delivery experience in a school-based or community social services agency.
- Demonstrated working knowledge of community-based programs and related provincial and community support services.
- A valid BC Driver's License and satisfactory driver's abstract.
- Ability to communicate in both Punjabi and English.

The Job Requires you to have:

- The use of a personal vehicle is required for program-related driving; must be able to be insured according to Archway policy 3.36.
- Well-developed active listening skills; able to communicate respectfully and effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.
- Demonstrated knowledge of addictions prevention and health promotions strategies appropriate to a school-based program.
- Excellent interpersonal behaviour and communication skills and ability to connect to youth.
- Fluency in Punjabi and English (spoken and written).

- Up-to-date knowledge of substances and their effects.
- Good organization, time, and general management skills.
- Knowledge of prevention, screening and life skills training techniques and the system of care.
- A satisfactory Criminal Records Check is a condition of employment.

Closing date is May 28, 2024.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants are to reference **Posting #2024-19-02 in the subject line.**

Please submit your cover letter and resume to:

Email: jobpostings@archway.ca

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No phone calls please. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

Must be legally entitled to work in Canada.

This position is open to all applicants.

Your resume may also be forwarded to other Programs for their consideration for their job vacancies. If you do not wish for your application to be shared with other Programs, please send an e-mail to jobpostings@archway.ca with DO NOT FORWARD TO OTHER PROGRAMS, in the subject line of the e-mail and the job reference number to which you applied, in the body of the e-mail.

Archway's goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative, at all job levels, of the people we serve. Equity and diversity are essential to excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including Indigenous identity, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age.

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional and unceded territory of the Stō:ló people. Stō:ló territory extends from the mouth of the Fraser River to Boston Bar. Locally, this includes the Matsqui First Nation and Sumas First Nation. We give them thanks for sharing their land and resources with us.

We invest in the mental health and wellbeing of our employees.