



Job Posting

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Title: DeafBlind Intervenor

Location: Vancouver, BC

Position Status: Part-Time, 21 hours per week (2 contract positions available)

Reports to: Acting Head of Counselling

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

Position Summary:

The Therapeutic Activation Program for Older Adults and Seniors (TAPS) - DeafBlind Intervenor will mediate between DeafBlind older adults and their environment. The intervenor will work closely with the TAPS Program Coordinator, community members and organizations to provide intervenor services including sighted guide and facilitating communication using the preferred methods of the individual who is DeafBlind.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Foster independence through a holistic and person-centered approach of “do with, not for”
- Work collaboratively with the DeafBlind individual to determine the degree and manner of support they want
- Support the acquisition of new concepts and skills
- Empower each person to actively participate in their community and connect with others; leading to a better sense of social connectedness
- Provide clear auditory and visual information in the preferred communication method of the DeafBlind individual
- Provide sighted guide and environmental information
- Provide non-judgmental information to encourage the DeafBlind individual to make decisions
- Organize documentation, feedback, statistics and reporting

ABOUT YOU, THE CANDIDATE

Education and Experience:

High School Graduation and a minimum of 1 year of related practical and work experience. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

Qualifications:

- Training as an intervenor is an asset although not required
- Knowledge of DeafBlind barriers and communication needs
- Professional demeanor and ability to build rapport with community and service providers
- Experience working with diverse client populations including persons with disabilities; ability to serve clients across all socio-economic and cultural groups
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Knowledge experience of MS Office suite including Excel, Word, and PowerPoint
- Able to work collaboratively with team members

- Proven ability to meet deadlines and submit reports in a timely manner
- Must be self-motivated and flexibility with the ability to multitask, take initiative, work independently with minimal supervision and work effectively under pressure
- Access to vehicle to be able to drive clients is an asset
- Successful candidates will be required to provide a current and satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sector Search
- Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility is a bilingual environment (ASL/English), **fluency in American Sign Language (ASL) is required for this position.**

ABOUT WAVEFRONT CENTRE FOR COMMUNICATION ACCESSIBILITY

Established in 1956 and trusted for over 64 years, **Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility** (operating name for Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) is a BC based, charitable non-profit organization. Wavefront Centre serves over 16,000 Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients each year by delivering innovative services in the areas of Audiology, Counselling, Seniors Outreach, Accessible Communication Services and Communication Devices to help clients achieve full communication accessibility.

Hours of work:

The typical hours of work are 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. Incumbents may be asked to work weekends, evenings, or overtime from time to time.

CLOSING DETAILS

Contact: Marco Chiamonte, Acting head of Counselling

Email resume to: marco.chiamonte@wavefrontcentre.ca

Please email your cover letter and resume as a PDF.

Application Deadline: The position will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is identified.

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