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# **BC/YUKON ASSOCIATION OF DRUG WAR SURVIVORS**

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## **OUTLINE OF POSITION:**

The CHANGE Center Coordinator works in tandem with the BCYADWS staff for the duration of 6 months to create a safe space for PWUD (people who use drugs) in Chilliwack. CHANGE connects with PWUD in Chilliwack to offer them CHANGE membership, advocacy, support, education, harm reduction information and supplies. Besides facilitating member meetings, subgroups for people on opiate agonist therapy (OAT) and women who use substances will be started and scheduled.

## **DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Ensure stipends are on hand for meetings; maintain financial records; membership lists; schedule volunteers at weekly volunteer meetings.
- Ensure opening hours of CHANGE are kept and posted.
- Organize logistics for weekly CHANGE membership and CHANGE subgroup meetings: ensure snacks available, keep meeting notes, sign in sheets and member contact info.
- Recruit, interview and select volunteers in a fair transparent way ensuring that they are trained
- Discipline volunteers when necessary with transparent, legally defensible techniques and procedures.
- Work in collaboration with health, legal, justice and research partners to promote a collective response to reduce the risks for PWUD in Chilliwack.
- Promote the meaningful engagement of CHANGE members at Municipal, Provincial and Federal initiatives responding to the overdose emergency and community issues.
- Remain up-to-date and knowledgeable of current trends in substance use, bad batch warnings and issues that negatively impact PWUD.
- Seeks to create a collaborative community approach with open lines of communication to address ongoing community issues as they arise.
- Participates in local and provincial activities, forums or working groups whose focus in to reduce the risks of overdose, blood borne pathogens and infections.
- Communicate with stakeholders to keep them informed of the work of CHANGE and issues in the Chilliwack community
- Establish good working relationships and collaborative arrangements with community groups, funders, politicians, and other organizations to help achieve the goals of CHANGE

## **REQUIRED EXPERIENCE:**

- Former or current substance user or a person with extensive experience with PWUD and the injustices they face.
- Experience planning and leading orderly group meetings with fairness and compassion.
- Experience with the system of care for PWUD, the drug laws and the criminal justice system.
- Knowledge of community and government agencies where PWUD access services.
- Overdose prevention training.

**SKILLS:**

- Ability to work with a team and without direct supervision.
- Be non-judgmental, flexible and motivated.
- Ability to multi-task and seek clarification.
- Ability to establish and maintain relationships with various community partners.
- Ability to give and receive constructive feedback.
- Must be punctual and able to present to work without impaired judgement.

**Position Details:**

Monday-Sunday: 20 hours

Rate of Pay: \$20.00 per hour cash stipend

**Who are we:**

We are a provincially funded group of individuals with lived and/or living experience with substances (licit or illicit) who are committed to finding solutions to the current opioid overdose crisis, by educating, supporting and empowering people who have been and will continue to be impacted by overdoses in the Chilliwack community, we believe we can make a meaning in the lives of all Chilliwack citizens.

To Apply: Send resume and/or cover letter to [bcyadws@gmail.com](mailto:bcyadws@gmail.com)

Position open until filled.