

**MENTAL HEALTH RIGHTS COALITION**



## **AVAILABLE POSITIONS**

### **PEER SUPPORT WORKER**

1 Part-Time Contract Position (Female Preference)

The Mental Health Rights Coalition is looking to hire one part-time Peer Support Worker. The Peer Support Worker positions are seconded from and supported by the Mental Health Rights Coalition (MHRC) and will work under the direction and supervision of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Hamilton Branch. This contract is 5.5 hours, 3 days per week and based at CMHA Hamilton.

As part of an inter-professional team, the Peer Support Worker will enhance services provided to clients at CMHA Hamilton. The Peer Support Workers will act as role models in self-care and recovery, and engage with people experiencing serious mental illness and substance use disorder. They will help peers reintegrate into community from hospital and from custody, and advocate for access to required resources. The Peer Support Worker will support peers one-to-one in the community and facilitate recovery-based groups.

Successful candidates will possess knowledge, experience and skills related to the following:

- Personal, lived experience of serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder
- Involvement/understanding of the criminal justice system
- Knowledge of recovery principles
- Shared commitment to CMHA Hamilton's Mission Statement and Values
- Shared commitment to MHRC's Mission Statement
- Successful completion of Peer Support Training Program at MHRC or equivalent Ontario Peer Development Initiative (OPDI) including the completion of practicum
- Experience providing peer support
- Knowledge of community resources
- Able to work as part of a team
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), safeTALK, and Mental Health First Aid Training are considered assets
- French-speaking is an asset

**If you are interested in the position, please submit a resume and cover letter outlining how your skills, qualifications, and experience meet the position requirements to:**

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**Deadline for applications: Friday, October 16, 2020, 4:00 pm**

The Mental Health Rights Coalition is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications from all qualified individuals, including visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples and persons with disabilities. CMHA Hamilton will accommodate any needs under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Hiring processes will be modified to remove barriers to accommodate those with disabilities, if requested.

*We thank all who apply, but only those to be interviewed will be contacted.*