

Berkana House – Integration Coach **Term Certain Position Ending February 28, 2020**

The Agency

The Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS) is a community-based charitable organization dedicated to reducing the incidence of crime and increasing community safety through preventative and restorative justice practices. To accomplish these ends, we provide direct services to individuals at risk, advocacy for effective responses to crime with the individuals involved and education for youth and adults in the community. The Calgary John Howard Society is committed to an organizational environment that recognizes the dignity and worth of each person. CJHS values diversity and inclusion and welcomes qualified applicants from all walks of life.

The Program

Berkana House is a Community Residential Facility (CRF) for women on conditional release. Berkana House fosters a holistic environment of healing, empowerment and respect. We are dedicated to supporting women in positively transitioning from the institution back to the community. Berkana House offers a mother-child program and children may reside at Berkana House. An independent living model is utilized in order to allow residents to develop important life skills. Staff are on site and available 24 hours a day.

The Position

Reporting to the Residential Manager, and working alongside the Caseworkers, the Integration Coach will be focused on connecting residents to the community and bridging the gap in their transition from prison. The position will consist of attending appointments with residents, taking them grocery shopping, teaching them to use the transit system, and assisting with the development of life skills both in and out of the house. The position will also involve building a connection with community resources and bridging referrals as needed. The Integration Coach will also be responsible for added support within the facility, providing general supportive services to residents while maintaining the safety of the community. This will consist of offering ongoing support to residents through conversation, role-modelling behaviours and engaging in activities to promote positive reintegration. Supervision of resident activities both in the house and the community is also an integral part of the position. Other duties will be required within the residential setting, including basic household chores.

The Integration Coach will have relevant post-secondary education and/or relevant experience. They will demonstrate an understanding of women-centred practice in the criminal justice system. The successful candidate will have strong boundaries, effective communication skills, as well as crisis prevention and intervention skills, and a strong ability to solve problems. This is a full-time (40 hours per week), term certain position ending February 28, 2020. Shift work will be required (primarily daytime and evening hours). Given the outreach components of this position, a valid driver's license and vehicle with appropriate insurance is required.

Applications will be accepted until February 13, 2019.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to:

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The Calgary John Howard Society thanks all applicants; however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted.