

Extended FASD Support Program (EFSP) Specialist

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

The *Extended FASD Support Program* (EFSP) supports adults who are living with or suspected of living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and who have current involvement in the justice system. The program assists clients to resolve current justice issues, build community and natural supports, better understand their FASD and learn strategies that will help them attain their goals and function more effectively in the community. Another facet of the program is the FASD Action Hall (FAH), a weekly peer support and advocacy skill-building group open to all who are living with FASD.

The Position

The Program Specialist will work in an integrated and collaborative way with the EFSP team, wider CJHS Team and the community to ensure clients are connected to appropriate resources to address short- and long-term needs including: justice system navigation, FASD assessment and diagnosis, financial independence, housing and/or employment stability, connection to natural supports and attainment of personal goals. Support to clients will be ongoing until justice issues are resolved and supports are in place to mitigate future justice involvement. The Program Specialist will also provide learning opportunities and coaching as needed to community agencies, so they may work more effectively with their own clients living with FASD.

Qualifications and Expertise

- Experience working with the population
- Solid case management/crisis prevention/intervention skills
- Sound decision-making and problem-solving skills
- A good understanding of challenges facing the population
- Strong organizational, communication and interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of the criminal justice system

The successful candidate will have a post-secondary education in a relevant discipline with a minimum of three years working with target population, a Calgary Police Intervention Check, a valid driver's license and reliable vehicle. This position is a full-time (37.5 hours per week), term certain position ending **February 28, 2020**.

Applications will be accepted until April 5, 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.