

Residential Caseworker – Roofs for Youth

The Agency

The Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS) is a charity that reduces crime and makes Calgary communities safer by helping youth and adults make positive changes and move away from criminal behaviour. We do this by addressing the root causes of crime through housing, education, employment programs and support so that individuals have alternatives to breaking the law. CJHS is committed to restorative justice and 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 Roofs for Youth Program (Roofs) is a Housing First program providing reintegration support for chronically disengaged and homeless youth ages 15-24, who are at risk of involvement in the justice system without stable housing and support services. Roofs provides a continuum of services, from discharge planning to housing placement and then continuous case management supports to help the youth stay out of jail, remain housed and successfully transition to adulthood. The Youth Residential Services offers an innovative Housing First approach. We support youth at risk or involved in the justice system, in moving from homelessness to a life of independence. Our two residences, Raido House and Windsor Park, collaborate with CJHS community caseworkers and community resources to support youth in transitioning to adulthood.

The Position

Reporting to the Team Lead, the Residential Caseworker will be knowledgeable about the issues youth face in the cycle of homelessness. This role of a Residential Caseworker, as part of the overall Roofs for Youth Team, will be working both in the community and in place-based houses, to ensure the youth obtain housing, remain housed and successfully reintegrate into the community. This includes supporting the youth to connect with community services including education and employment; supporting their attendance at relevant appointments; and assist with the activities of daily living, recreation and leisure opportunities. The successful candidate will need to demonstrate meaningful understanding of the role of Natural Supports, Trauma-Informed Practice, Housing First Strategies and Harm Reduction.

The Residential Caseworker will have a valid Class 5 Driver's License, reliable vehicle, post-secondary education in a relevant discipline and two years of relevant experience working with the target population. Knowledge of the Youth Criminal Justice System is an asset. The successful candidate will have experience working with marginalized youth, supporting individuals struggling with active addictions, strong boundaries, communication and relationship skills, crisis prevention and problem-solving skills.

All candidates for the above position will have to successfully undertake a Calgary Police Information Check (CPIC) and a Child Welfare Information System [CWIS] check. Brain story certification is an asset.

This position is full-time (40 hours per week) position.

Applications will be accepted until end of day April 13, 2020

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.