



Surrey Women's Centre

On-Call Mobile Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Response Workers

Surrey Women's Centre is a not-for-profit charity providing counselling and support services to male, female and child victims of physical and sexual violence. Our agency is extending its hours of operation to provide 24-hour crisis response services to survivors of recent physical and sexual assault. Mobile Assault Response Workers will provide hospital and police accompaniment to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault accessing the Surrey Memorial Hospital Emergency Department.

The Surrey Mobile Assault Response Team (SMART) will launch in April 2012 and successful applicants must be available for training in March 2012.

Responsibilities:

- Provide crisis intervention including risk assessments and safety planning, emotional support and practical assistance to victims of recent physical and sexual assault.
- Provide information about and accompaniment to Surrey Memorial Hospital for medical treatment and the collection of forensic evidence.
- Provide information about the legal system including reporting options, rights and remedies as well as police accompaniment.
- Facilitate *Third Party Reporting* for victims of sexual assault who do not want to report to the police.
- Facilitate access to community resources in Surrey and surrounding areas.
- Maintain effective working relationships with other members of SMART including hospital personnel.
- Compile accurate up-to-date service delivery statistics.

Qualifications:

- Victim Services Practitioner Certificate and/or a combination of education, training and experience providing support to victims of crime, preferably domestic violence, sexual assault or human trafficking.
- Experience providing crisis intervention including risk assessments and safety planning, emotional support and practical assistance to victims of violence.
- Knowledge of and experience working with feminist, trauma and harm reduction models of intervention.
- Knowledge of civil and criminal justice systems as well legal reporting options.
- Ability to work with diverse clientele including marginalized victims who experience multiple barriers (eg youth, sex workers and Aboriginal women and girls).
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Excellent interpersonal and conflict resolution skills.
- **Must be able to travel to Surrey Memorial Hospital within 30 minutes.**
- Preference to applicants with a valid Class 5 BC Driver's License and access to a reliable vehicle.
- Criminal records check and Driver's abstract required.

Please email your resume and cover letter by Friday, February 10, 2012 @ 5:00pm to ca@surreywomencentre.ca.

We regret that we are only able to contact short listed applicants. No phone calls please.