

## Employment Opportunity

Punjabi Community Health Services

<b>Job Title:</b> Youth Ambassadorship Project Coordinator	
Department: Mental Health and Addictions	
<b>Job posting#</b> YAPC-MHA-009/2017-18	
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<b>Position Report to:</b> Supervisor, Mental Health and Geriatrics Program (PCHS)	
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### About Organizations:

**Punjabi Community Health Services (PCHS)** is a pioneer community based not for profit, charitable organization. PCHS has been fulfilling needs of the diverse communities for the past 27 years by providing services in the areas of addictions, mental health, geriatric, health promotion, domestic violence, parenting, settlement and services for women, children and youth. PCHS has a number of research studies to its credit and is recognized as an innovative organization for community development and for its Integrated Holistic Service Delivery Model. PCHS is accredited by Commission of Accreditation Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International and Imagine Canada.

**Social Service Network (SSN)** is a charitable organization that has been meeting the needs of the very diverse South Asian community in York Region and in the surrounding areas. SSN continues to bridge the gaps between the service providers and the community through building strong partnerships with the main stream agencies and other organizations. SSN mandate is to empower our participants to lead an enriched life through education, awareness, social engagement, promotion of physical and mental wellbeing and integration into society in a culturally and linguistically responsive environment

### About Position:

This position is a collaborative project between PCHS and SSN, funded through Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). This position will be responsible for recruiting, selecting and training Youth Ambassadors aged 15-24 to address the increased rate of suicides among South Asian youth in York Region. Coordinator will ensure the delivery of peer to peer training, provide monthly psycho-educational sessions and on-going clinical support to the Youth Ambassadors.

The Coordinator will ensure that Youth Ambassadors are equipped with the necessary training to be able to engage their peers on a 1:1 basis, deliver presentations in the community, facilitate family activities, and educate and promote mental wellness.

The overall aim of the project is to reduce the number of youth committing suicide and provide a safe space for youth and their families to seek help.

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### Qualifications:

- BSW preferred; University degree or collage diploma in Social Services or Human Services related field accepted.
- Must be familiar with addictions and mental health system and knowledge of psychosocial rehabilitation principles and Recovery Model
- At least 2 years of case management experience and/or front line experience with vulnerable populations
- Mental Health Trainings and qualifications are an asset
- Demonstrates an understanding of the South Asian Culture
- Demonstrates an understanding of the growing mental health challenges amongst the South Asian youth
- Demonstrates understanding of client-centered service delivery, confidentiality and implementation of Integrated Holistic Service Delivery Mode.
- Sounds clinical skills, including assessment, intervention, advocacy, psycho-education, supportive counselling and life skills coaching.
- Thorough understanding of cognitive behavioural principles
- Knowledge of community resources and systems
- Creative in developing relationship with clients which foster healing, growth and empowerment.
- Program development and capacity building
- Fluency in one of the South Asian languages: Tamil, Hindi, Punjabi or Urdu
- Excellent working skills of MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, internet and email
- Effectives communication skills with individuals at all levels of the organization
- Effective written and verbal communication skills as well as presentation skills
- Superior time management skills, multitasking skills, and the ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision.
- Ability to work independently, as well as in a team
- Current first aid/ CPR certification required
- Current police record check required
- Valid driver's license and an access to a vehicle.

### Responsibilities:

- Screening, Recruiting, Selecting and Training a pool of Youth aged 15-24 to become Mental Health Ambassadors
- Provide orientation and Peer to Peer Training to newly recruited Youth Ambassadors

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- Facilitate monthly psycho-educational workshops with emphasis on cognitive behavioural principles.
- Provide 1:1 clinical support on a monthly basis and case consultations as needed/required
- Guide Youth Ambassadors with the development of skills and strategies in suicide prevention and reducing stigma in mental illness
- Provide assistance with problem solving, crisis intervention and mediation if required
- Evaluate trainings needs of Youth Ambassadors
- Outreach to schools, institutions and agencies serving South Asian youth groups
- Providing referrals to youth and families seeking services in Mental Health to PCHS programs
- Fill out and maintain client paperwork and documentation
- Compile data/reports as appropriate
- Other related duties as assigned

**Hours:** Full time, 37.5 hours per week  
 (Some evenings and weekends work is required)

**Position to commence:** September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 or earlier

**Please submit resume by August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to the Hiring Committee at:**

E-mail: [jasmin@pchs4u.com](mailto:jasmin@pchs4u.com)

**Please add Job posting # YAPC-MHA-009/2017-18 to the email subject line and cover letter.**

We appreciate the interest of all applicants, but only those under consideration will be contacted for an interview.

*PCHS is committed to diversity in its workplaces and welcomes applications from all visible minority groups, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities among other self-identified diverse groups. We also provide accessible employment practices that are in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act ('AODA'). If you require accommodation for a disability during any stage of the recruitment process, please notify Human Resources department at [jasmin@pchs4u.com](mailto:jasmin@pchs4u.com)*