

## Suicide Grief Support Worker

### Job Posting

**Job Title:** Suicide Grief Support Worker  
**Position Type:** Permanent Full-time  
**Hours:** Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm (occasional evening and weekend work required)  
**Salary/Wage:** \$ 41,061.00– \$57,323.00  
**Closing Date:** Open until a suitable candidate is found.

### **Organization Summary**

CMHA-Edmonton is a non-profit organization that envisions mentally healthy people in caring communities. We increase awareness and understanding of mental health, mental illness, recovery, and suicide prevention through education. We support the resilience and recovery of people in distress including those affected by mental illness or suicide by providing crisis intervention; safe, long-term and affordable housing; peer connections; suicide grief and family support; advocacy and wayfinding; and providing opportunities to improve your wellness.

Join us and make a difference in the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness and stressful situations including abuse, violence, and suicide.

### **Job Summary**

Reporting to the Team Lead, Suicide Grief Support Services, the Suicide Grief Support Worker is responsible for assisting with the day to day operations of Suicide Grief Support Services. This includes both Suicide Bereavement Support services and Suicide Caregiver Support Services. Suicide Bereavement Support Services is for people who have lost a loved one to suicide, and it offers a safe place for individuals to share their grief, fears and feelings. Suicide Caregiver Support Services offers in person sessions to provide information and support to those taking care of others who are at risk of attempting suicide, and around caring for oneself during this difficult time. This position provides administrative program support and facilitates the delivery of client-centred services including one on one, family and group support.

### **Qualifications/Experience**

- Related post-secondary Degree (in a Social Science preferred) including coursework in basic counselling skills
- Minimum of 1 year of clinical experience in counselling, bereavement support, suicide prevention/intervention and/or crisis intervention
- Front-line experience in dealing with crisis situations is preferred
- Successful completion and maintenance of:
  - Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
  - Distress Line Training
  - Crisis Worker Certificate
- Acceptable attainment and maintenance of a Police Information Check with a Vulnerable Sector Check and an Intervention Record Check

## **Skills/Abilities**

- Strong interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills, including supportive listening, interviewing and group facilitation skills
- Positive, helpful attitude towards assisting clients, including possessing a non-judgmental attitude
- Demonstrated understanding of: suicide risk factors; suicide prevention and intervention; bereavement; crisis intervention; and caregiver support
- Ability to work both independently and as a team member,
- Ability to set priorities and allocate time and resources effectively
- Ability to adapt quickly to changing work priorities and competing timelines
- Demonstrated initiative and the ability to respond to situations with maturity and composure
- Ability to establish and maintain healthy boundaries
- Organizational and problem solving skills
- Ability to effectively use Microsoft Office
- Ability to deal effectively with the public and community agencies and maintain good public relations

**Apply, with cover letter and resume, to:**

[hr@cmha-edmonton.ab.ca](mailto:hr@cmha-edmonton.ab.ca)

CMHA values diversity and welcomes applications from First Nation, Inuit and Metis, New Canadian, racialized, differently abled and LGBTTQIA+ communities.

We thank everyone for their interest and will only reply to those individuals who will be contracted for an interview.

Thank you for making mental health matter.