



Position Title: Access Facilitator, TCCS - TTC Project, Fixed term
Reports To: Manager, TCCS - TTC
Salary: \$69,673.68 per annum with comprehensive benefits package

Background:

Toronto Community Crisis Service (TCCS) is a community mental health and addiction crisis support service program operated by service partners across Toronto. Gerstein Crisis Centre (GCC) is the anchor for south central Toronto and south Etobicoke. In July 2024, services expanded to include geographies east, west, and south of the downtown core.

The TCCS Pilot Project with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) is an extension of TCCS provides crisis support and services for TTC service-users experiencing crisis within the TTC Downtown U-Zone of Line 1. Gerstein Crisis Centre (GCC) strongly believes that early intervention for mental health needs provided by a mental health worker, rather than an enforcement service, can facilitate access to help sooner, reduce stigma, discrimination, and unnecessary police involvement. This partnership with the TTC builds on our many years of experience and commitment to collaborate, partner, and ally with others across the city to build a strengths-based, integrated, accessible, community-based, anti-racist and socially-just crisis response system.

Job Summary:

The Access Facilitator receives requests for the TCCS – TTC team from TTC communications; provides immediate telephone intervention and facilitates access to a mobile team visit within the TTC Line 1 loop or in the community, leveraging all crisis services to provide a timely response.

Successful Applicants Will Have:

- ❑ At least five years of experience working in community mental health, crisis intervention, substance use specific services, or experience in a related field
- ❑ A demonstrated commitment to working through an Anti-Racist, Anti-Oppression, Trauma informed lens
- ❑ The skills to provide leadership and promote a respectful and supportive team environment

- Broad understanding of the intersecting factors that impact an individual’s mental health and well-being including the social determinants of health, trauma, poverty and homelessness
- The ability to provide and adapt crisis interventions and de-escalation within high traffic, public spaces
- Knowledge and skills to provide suicide risk assessment and interventions using the ASIST model
- A demonstrated ability to use a harm reduction framework to address substance use and concurrent disorders
- A demonstrated understanding of issues related to involvement in the Mental Health and Justice System, including current knowledge of relevant legislation, including the Mental Health Act and P.H.I.P.A.
- A demonstrated ability to adapt interventions to a diverse client group including Persons with Disabilities, Black, Indigenous, Racialized, LGBTQI2S+ and Neurodiverse communities
- An extensive working knowledge of community supports available in the City of Toronto
- Ability to coordinate services and collaborate with TTC Special Constables, Transit Control, Community partners and frontline staff while making appropriate use of resources
- Strong organizational, time-management, oral and written communication skills in English
- A demonstrated ability to navigate multiple computer and communication systems
- A valid Ontario ‘G’ Driver’s License is an asset

Primary duties and responsibilities:

- Receive requests for TCCS –TTC mobile team from TTC communications
- Assess to determine appropriate course of action, including brief telephone crisis support when required
- Provide direct crisis response and intervention, support and follow-up to service users, as required
- Communicate relevant information to and arrange for mobile crisis team to respond
- Facilitate connection to all GCC programs to ensure multiple pathways to service
- Collaborate with all GCC programs and teams to ease appropriate and timely access for individuals in crisis
- Monitor and provide support for the coordination of follow up services within 48 hours post crisis call as well as subsequent follow-up
- Participate in collection of data regarding client demographics and referral pathways, as per GCC established policy and protocols
- Provide CCIW staff with on-shift supervision, guidance and support, including feedback when needed
- Problem-solve emergent issues regarding clients, personnel, community access or referral

- Participate in team meetings, reflective practice sessions, internal and external training as required

Hours and Location:

- 24/7 Shifts include week/weekend days, evenings and overnight shifts
- Work at a designated office location within the TTC
- Redeployment to any of GCC programs sites when required

We are particularly interested in hearing from individuals who represent the cultural diversity of Toronto, Black and Indigenous, LGBTQI2S+ individuals and those with lived experience of the mental health system.

Please send cover letter and resume to: jobs@gersteincentre.org by Tuesday, May 19, 5:00 PM.

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