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GERSTEIN CRISIS CENTRE HIRING NOTICE

- Position:** Community Crisis Worker, RELIEF
- Rate of Pay:** \$23.32/hour, plus 8%
- Closing Date:** Friday, February 11th, 2011
(Resume and cover letter must be *received* by the closing date.)

Gerstein Centre is a voluntary, non-medical 24-hour mental health crisis intervention service located in the downtown Toronto area. We have 2 residential sites, with 24 beds in total. Gerstein on Charles (10 beds) operates a 24-hour crisis phone line, provides support and crisis intervention to people in the community through the mobile crisis team and can offer people experiencing mental health crisis short-stays (3-5 days) at the Centre. Gerstein on Bloor (14 beds) offers short-term residential crisis support to adults with mental health issues experiencing crisis compounded by involvement with the justice system and/or homelessness.

Successful applicants will have:

- at least 3 years experience in community mental health and crisis intervention or experience in a related field.
- strong assessment skills, including but not limited to, suicide risk assessment.
- an extensive knowledge of community supports available in the City of Toronto.
- experience with the mental health, criminal justice and shelter systems
- demonstrated capability to be flexible and to work under pressure.
- good written and verbal communication skills (a second language would be an asset).

The Community Crisis Worker:

- provides telephone crisis counselling
- screens and assesses referrals to short-term residential crisis beds
- provides short term crisis support, case management, advocacy and community referrals for individuals staying in the short-term residential crisis beds.
- provides crisis intervention and exercises good judgment in emergency and/or crisis situations.
- can work independently and within a team and shares responsibility for high support beds within a residential setting.

Please note:

- the position involves shift work which includes **weekdays, afternoons, overnights and weekends.**
- the position includes some light housekeeping and cooking.
- consumer/survivors from the psychiatric system, members of ethno-racial communities and Native Canadians are encouraged to apply

Please send resume and cover letter to:

Selection Committee
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We thank all applicants, but will contact only those selected to be interviewed.