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Peer Facilitator Job Description
Women's Health In Women's Hands Community Health Centre
&
#SafeHandsSafeHearts Project

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Women's Health In Women's Hands (WHIWH) is a Community Health Centre (CHC) mandated to provide primary health care to Black and Racialized Women from Caribbean, African, Latin American and South Asian communities in Metropolitan Toronto and surrounding municipalities. You will work from an inclusive feminist, pro-choice, anti-racist, anti-oppression, and multilingual participatory framework in addressing the issue of access to healthcare for WHIWH's mandated priority populations encompassing all the determinants of health caused by gender, gender identity, race, class, violence, sexual orientation, religion, culture, language, disability, immigration status and socio-economic circumstances.

#SafeHandsSafeHearts is a partnership between The University of Toronto Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (FIFSW) and WHIWH-CHC. **The project aims to support racialized sexual and gender minority communities** amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The project will implement and evaluate an eHealth therapeutic intervention comprised of 3 online sessions to increase COVID-19 knowledge and protective behaviours, and reduce pandemic stress (anxiety, depression, loneliness). The project also includes surveys and in-depth interviews.

The Peer Facilitator uses their own unique life experience to guide and support participants in therapeutic sessions. Working in conjunction with WHIWH staff, Peer Facilitators will contribute their expertise based on first-hand experience of the lived realities of study participants and will share responsibilities for implementing and evaluating the intervention.

Key Responsibilities

- Participate in online training sessions in relevant evidence-based counseling techniques.
- Deliver online counseling to study participants.
- Participate in weekly supervision meetings
- Maintain written records and evaluations.
- Collaborate in research activities, including data analysis and interpretation.



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Skills and Qualifications

- Ability to work independently and as part of the project team.
- Highly organized and strong time management skills.
- Experience working in community settings, using health promotion/community development approaches.
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills.
- Proficiency in use of computer technology, including MS Office programs and video conference software.
- Access to a computer and a reliable internet connection, along with a quiet, private space to hold sessions with clients.
- Knowledge of barriers unique to LGBTQIA+ and racialized people's access to care.
- Knowledge of languages other than English is an asset.

This is a **virtual project** where peers will work from home using virtual methods and will stay in close contact with WHIWH and members of the research team. The position will require access to computer and telephone/smartphone.

If you are interested in this position: Please send your resume and a one-page cover letter to the project coordinator, Monte-Angel Richardson, at ma.richardson@mail.utoronto.ca

For questions related to the study, please contact Principal Investigator, Dr. Notisha Massaquoi, at notisha.massaquoi@utoronto.ca.

Please submit your application materials no later than: November 3, 2020

Preference will be given to individuals that identify with the study population, including members of the LGBTQIA+ and racialized communities described above. We will not be accepting phone calls. Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.



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