

Job Title: Relief Essential Services Worker

Through our vision of eliminating poverty in our community, and guided by a passionate concern for the dignity and well-being of each individual, our work is based on building relationships, hope and trust. By addressing multiple needs, Bissell Centre provides a holistic approach to helping families and individuals.

Currently, Bissell Centre is looking for the right individual to fill the position of Essential Services Worker. The key function of this position is to provide both emergency and on-going support for adults to enhance their ability to meet their basic needs and to live successfully within their community. Assistance provided includes crisis intervention, short-term support, advocacy, information, referrals, outreach assistance and help with obtaining identification.

Specific responsibilities of the position include:

- Provide flexible one-on-one support to adults depending on the needs of the individual (ranging from one session in length to on-going support)
- Develop service plans with program participants and provide follow-up (including outreach services) to support them in the achievement of their goals
- Assist adults to access resources (e.g. housing, health care, etc.)
- Identify individuals who meet the requirements for AISH or other funding sources and provide support through the application and appeal process
- Make appropriate referrals to health and community services and provide advocacy support services with, or on behalf of, individuals as needed
- Perform other duties as required

This position is an as needed only to fill in for sickness/vacation and candidates should be available Monday – Friday 8am-5pm and Saturdays Noon-5pm

The ideal candidate would possess the following qualifications:

- Diploma in Social Work, Rehabilitation Services or equivalent and relevant experience
- Familiarity with issues of poverty, homelessness and Edmonton's urban core

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume and cover letter to:

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We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.