

Position Title: **Outreach Court Worker**

Program: Outreach

Position location: Abbotsford/Mission

Reports to: Manager of Outreach

Hours of work: 35 hours per week **contract till March 31, 2023**

Compensation will be in accordance with Appendix A of the BCGEU Collective Agreement.

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Outreach Court Worker

Classification: Victim Services Worker

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Level: 11

The Outreach Court Worker position includes, but is not limited to, crisis and information calls, accompaniment, advocacy with community agencies, police, government agencies, and legal services.

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Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide family justice court support within SARA programs and to community partners agencies.
- Provide education, information, support and referrals for: Family Justice System, housing options, community agencies, legal services, social services and related government services (e.g. child tax credit, immigration issues, schools, medical, and etc.)
- Provide court tours where available.
- Provide emotional support, goal setting, problem solving and encouragement to clients as appropriate.
- Provide advocacy and accompaniment for women requesting service, including family court accompaniment, medical, police and legal advocacy.
- Provide assistance connecting women with programs within SARA.
- Attend and participate in SARA meetings.
- May be required to provide pre-existing presentations and public education sessions on violence against women.
- Inform community agencies and organizations about SARA services, attend meetings and act as a liaison as required.

- Conduct client intake, assess client needs, create and maintain confidential service records, complete feedback forms and submit reports/statistics as required.
- Attend appropriate training sessions, workshops and conferences.

Skills and Knowledge

- Excellent understanding of violence against women issues both within dominant and non-dominant cultures
- Good understanding of the legal issues facing women who have been abused, particularly those from a different culture.
- An understanding of the Family Law Act 2013 including an understanding of the Family Justice System in BC.
- Good understanding of social services and resources in the Abbotsford/Mission area and how to access them.
- Proficiency in MS Word, MS Excel, Windows and Outlook calendar
- Keep current on:
 - Women's issues, specifically violence against women
 - Issues relating to women who may face additional barriers, including race, culture or ethnicity, sexual orientation, economic status and ability.
 - Legal issues, housing options, government and immigrant services.

Competencies

- Understands and acts as an effective advocate
- Demonstrates initiative and ability to work independently
- Demonstrates effective listening, writing, presentation, facilitation, public speaking
- Accurate case management and reporting skills.

Qualifications:

Education

- 2 year diploma in a human/social service field.
- Minimum 2 years of experience in related/relevant profession.

Training

- Standard First Aid Certificate.
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention

*A clear Criminal Record Check for Vulnerable Populations
Valid Class 5 Driver's Licence and clean drivers' abstract*