

DEMENTIA CARE PARTNER COUNSELLOR (#AS-21-03) Part time (20 hours/week) Permanent; North Bay, Ontario

Job Summary

The Alzheimer Society Sudbury-Manitoulin North Bay and Districts has been selected as a partner site for the delivery of specialized programs developed at the *The Cyril and Dorothy, Jill and Joel Reitman Centre* for Alzheimer's Support and Training at Sinai Health System ("the Reitman Centre"). The Reitman Centre programs have been designed to specifically address the complex needs and challenges of informal care partners taking care of persons with dementia at home. This extensive suite of programs will assist in sustaining family care partners who are clients of Alzheimer Society. The programs deliver unique, targeted and tailored skill-building interventions to address the complex mix of factors that affect care partners' ability to cope and adapt to the new role of a care partner. The program combines therapeutic principles for managing care partner stress and burden with novel approaches to education and skills training and formal problem-solving techniques. The goal is to equip care partners to better manage the day-to-day care of the person living with dementia and to address emotional stress and to reduce levels of care partner burden.

Responsibilities:

- Assesses, plans, implements and evaluates client-centered care for care partners of persons living with dementia, in group and individual therapy
- Leads innovative training programs for family and/or professional caregivers of the elderly
- Administers standardized mental health assessment instruments as part of outcome evaluation
- Communicates and collaborates with the local team and network of other Reitman Centre dementia care partner counsellors in the province to provide continuity of care in all settings
- Participates in the creation, evaluation and publication of patient and educator resources
- Contributes positively to patient care through the application of research-based practice
- Organizes leads and implements care partner mental health community education programs
- Develops and implements strategies and tools for dissemination of the Reitman Centre interventions in traditional and non-traditional community settings
- Identifies community resources for the clinical population served
- Develops leads and implements programs including community outreach and liaison
- Works with other local and regional dementia and care partner organizations to develop synergies and build capacity
- Consistently attends mentorship and/or supervision meetings with other Reitman Centre dementia care partner counsellors in the province

Monitoring/Evaluation:

- Collect, maintain and report required quantitative and qualitative data to support project
- monitoring, evaluation and reporting

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Job Qualifications

Education:

- Minimum bachelor's degree or equivalent in social work, nursing, occupational therapy, psychology, or related clinical discipline. Master's level education preferred.
- Current membership in good standing with regulatory college that can perform the controlled act of psychotherapy

Experience:

- 2 years recent clinical experience in dementia programs and/or dementia care partner programs
- Experience and demonstrated skills in individual and group adult and older adult psychotherapy
- Experience with management of behavioural disturbances in dementia

Other Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities

- Excellent communication skills in French and English - written and verbal communication
- Excellent interpersonal, organizational, oral (presentation) skills required
- Experience utilizing technology and internet-based counselling interventions
- Experience conducting arts-based or other media-based groups (e.g. music) for persons with dementia an asset
- Experience working in simulation-based health care is an asset
- Demonstrated ability to work and communicate collaboratively and effectively in a complex environment, with both internal and external stakeholders and partners.
- Results oriented, with a positive "can do" attitude.
- Ability to work effectively in a fast paced multi-tasking environment
- Well-developed analytical, problem-solving, change management and organizational skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and within a team
- Expertise and experience in cultural sensitivity and diversity
- Demonstrated satisfactory work performance and attendance history
- Ability to work evenings and weekends as required to meet the demands of the program and the Agency.

Other Requirements:

- A valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle is required
- Flexible schedule; some evening and week-ends may be required

Please forward your cover letter & resume by
April 2nd, 2021 to
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We thank all those who apply, however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Alzheimer Society welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.