

Since 1994, YouthCO has provided opportunities for young people ages 15-29 to play a leading role in the design & delivery of innovative peer-based Support and Education programming. We provide prevention and support services to youth living with or affected by HIV & Hepatitis C. As a youth-driven agency, we provide outreach, education, trainings, volunteer opportunities, advocacy & support. www.youthco.org

POSITION SUMMARY

The YOUTHCO Community Coordinator is responsible for recruiting and referring five youth (29 and under) to participate in the Literacy Lives 6 month pilot project; co-developing learning plans with those learners to pre-identify possible challenges to their success in the program and develop strategies to mitigate those challenges; and supporting the learners as they make their way through the 26-week curriculum, including identifying and liaising with other support providers as well as the Support Programs Manager at YouthCO. All work will be done in close collaboration with the SFU Literacy Lives project team and community coordinators based at other community-based partner agencies. The position is **temporary part time (12 hours per week)**.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Meet monthly with entire project team (SFU Project Team and other Community-Based Partner Consortium Community-Coordinators).
- Work closely with YouthCO's Support Programs Manager to identify five learners for the Literacy Lives project
- Meet regularly with five learners involved in the SFU Literacy Lives project to identify learning goals and potential challenges
- Support learners through a six month program in which they are responsible for their own community based project
- Debrief with learners and Support Program Manager regularly and as issues arise.
- Formally debrief with learners at the end of the project

QUALIFICATIONS - IT DOESN'T HURT TO APPLY!

If you think you're a strong candidate for this position, but you're concerned you don't have all of the following qualifications, *we encourage you to apply anyway*. A willingness to take initiative in learning will be considered an asset in areas where strong candidates may have gaps in knowledge or direct experience. **Youth who have lived experience with HIV and members of underrepresented communities are strongly encouraged to apply.**

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience supporting individuals who experience multiple barriers and who are vulnerable to HIV
- Experience working with youth in an loosely structured learning environment
- A demonstrated ability to work in both structured and non-structured environments.
- Excellent communication skills;
- Demonstrated strong leadership skills;
- Ability to work well independently or collaboratively;
- Education in social work or related field
- Excellent time management skills as this is a part time position
- Strong anti-oppressive analysis
- Strong knowledge of issues affecting HIV positive youth specifically
- Excellent listening skills, non-judgemental, patient, flexible, and non-controlling

Pay 15.75-16.25/hr at 12 hours a week. Plus 7 per cent in lieu of benefits.

Please apply to elim@youthco.org by March 31, 2011. **Start date: April 15, 2011**