

Job Posting: Peer Research Associate (2 Positions Available)
Howe Street Evaluation

Introduction:

The BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS and McLaren Housing Society of BC are undertaking a two-year, mixed-method evaluation of McLaren's Howe Street residential program to determine the impact of a supportive housing intervention on HIV treatment outcomes. We are currently seeking two Peer Research Associates (PRAs) to provide administrative and research support and facilitate the involvement of the affected community.

About the Job:

- You will administer a survey to study participants. To administer the survey, you will need to relay information about the survey, explain survey instructions and enter survey responses on a laptop.
- The position will involve many tasks, such as obtaining consent from clients doing the survey, administering the honorarium to clients who participate in the survey, maintaining records and completing paperwork, and managing the laptop when the survey is being done. You will work collaboratively with the other PRA.
- We are looking for people who are passionate about doing this job, able to work as part of a diverse team and who have reading comprehension, verbal communication and basic computer skills. You are not required to have previous research experience, but previous experience is an asset. The expectation is that you would fit the description of a PRA for this job (please see below: "About PRAs for this Job").
- This is a part time 12-month term position for up to 18 hours a week with an hourly rate of \$16.32. The intent is to provide opportunities to more than two people over the course of the three-year project (so, if you do not get the job for this round, you can apply again for the next round in a year).

About PRAs for this Job:

For this job, PRAs are defined as persons living with HIV/AIDS who have experiences and identities in common with people who will do the survey. Because the job involves interviewing Howe street residents, residents of the Howe street building will not be eligible to apply for the PRA position, as this would compromise the confidentiality of study participants.

McLaren Housing Society requires all successful applicants sign a confidentiality agreement and complete a criminal record check before commencing employment. The criminal record check will only screen for things that might come in conflict with the work that we do with vulnerable populations. Not everything will come up as relevant and a criminal record does not necessarily mean that you will not be hired. Confidentiality of the record checks will be maintained.

About McLaren Housing Society of BC:

McLaren Housing Society of BC is dedicated to providing secure, affordable housing and supportive services for individuals and families affected by HIV. It is important to evaluate the impact of supportive housing on the social, clinical and overall well-being of persons living with HIV/AIDS who are at risk of homelessness.

Information Session about the Job:

There will be an information session about the job on Wednesday July 9th 2014 from **2pm to 4pm at McLaren Housing's Helmcken House at 649 Helmcken Street. Buzz "lounge" and take the elevator to level B.**

How to Apply: Please follow the instructions on the application form on the next page. Please note the deadline for applications is: **July 18, 2014 at 4pm**



Peer Research Associate (PRA) Application Form

Application Instructions: Please make sure you have both fully completed this application form and written your responses clearly. Please submit this application form via email, fax or in-person to the Howe street residence reception desk (details below). No phone calls please.

Application deadline is: July 18th, 2014 at 4pm

First Name:		Last Name:	
Address:	City:	Postal Code:	
Phone:	Other Means of Contact:	Best way to contact you:	

Email:

Please tell us why you are interested in working as a PRA on this project. Feel free to list your interests or any previous research related experience. You can also submit a resume, but this is not required.

**Drop-off applications at Reception at the Howe street residence or send applications via fax or email:
Howe street residence, 1249 Howe street • Email: jobs@mclarenhousing.org • Fax: 604-669-4092**

