

FAMILY SUPPORT INITIATIVE (2018-02)
Requires a
Family Support Worker
Full-time (37.5 Hours/Week) Position – One Year Contract

The Family Support Initiative is funded by the South West Local Health Integration Network to provide assistance to family members and friends of those with serious mental illness. The project is based in Owen Sound and is supported by the Community Network Support Team, a program of HopeGreyBruce Mental Health and Addictions Services.

We require a full-time (37.5 hours per week) Family Support Worker on a one-year contract basis to provide the following services: information and education about mental health topics and services; consultation and assistance in navigating the mental health system; and individual and group support to understand and cope with the mental illness of a loved one. The position entails some evening work and occasional weekend work, and requires extensive travel across Grey and Bruce Counties. The position is available immediately.

Qualifications:

- 3-year degree or diploma in applied health or social sciences, with content relating directly to mental health. Membership in a professional college or association is desirable. (If there are no suitable candidates with the required academic qualifications, consideration will be given to those with lesser qualifications who have significant directly-related experience.)
- Personal experience as a family member of a person with serious mental illness
- Experience with self-help/support groups, either as a leader or participant
- Experience in a formal or informal counselling role
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively with family members and with professionals
- Advanced communication skills, including public speaking and writing skills
- Group work skills
- Solid judgement and problem-solving skills
- Knowledge of major mental illnesses and their impact on individuals and families
- Experience in working with mental health system
- Organizational ability, maturity, and a good sense of humour
- Proficiency in the use of personal computers for MS Office 2007 applications. (Proficiency in the use of Power Point would be an asset.)
- Ability to accommodate a flexible work schedule
- A valid driver's license is required for this position and proof of it will be required after hire
- An up-to-date Criminal Records Check, including a Vulnerable Sector Screening is required

HopeGreyBruce is committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive workplace. We welcome employment applications from people with disabilities and provide accommodation upon request during the recruitment and selection process.

Interested applicants are invited to submit detailed resumes, (including salary expectations) to:

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Application Deadline: April 30, 2018