



Community Living Counsellor Coordinator (Permanent Full Time) - Madison Apartments

We Are...

The COMMUNITY LIVING SOCIETY (CLS), an innovative, non-profit organization dedicated to serving people with developmental disabilities. We have been supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities since 1978 to live full, productive and meaningful lives. This service philosophy gives the Community Living Society the opportunity to be a leader in providing person-centred, quality residential and vocational services, which allow people to reach their greatest potential. We have over 450 employees and serve over 260 individuals throughout the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley.

The Role is...

A Permanent Full Time Community Living Counsellor - Coordinator position in North Burnaby responsible for overseeing the start up of a new supported independent residential opportunity and facilitating ongoing community building for supported individuals who choose to live there. You will also manage a staff team of Community Living Counsellors.

Your experience in community related advocacy, a dedication to community inclusion and community involvement and a sound, consistent and outgoing support style will enable you to flourish in this rewarding role. You will enable up to eight individuals to achieve greater success in certain areas of their lives by providing them with skills and opportunities to develop, participate in their community, take part in community activities, obtain volunteer or paid employment and learn tasks of daily living; you will also meet other unique support needs they may have. **You are a community connector who can facilitate connections in the immediate community. In addition, you are a community builder who can help people to identify needs in their own community and identify how they can address them. You envision an interdependent community that is fully inclusive.**

You Are...

Comfortable with a growing role and well-organized. A leader who is able to co-operate directly with the Director of Residential Community Inclusion and who is able to maintain good relationships with supported individuals, networks, family members, team members and local community members is required. It is required that you have the ability to take on the challenge of learning how to handle general administration in an accurate and timely manner, delegate as required plus manage scheduling, timesheets, budgeting/financial accountabilities, reporting requirements, meetings, record keeping and maintenance of confidential files. You role-model excellence in support and communication. You are clear in your ideas about independence and interdependence. A person who has demonstrated commitment to community inclusion and thrives working one-on-one with individuals in a self directed environment is preferred. **Familiarity with the work of Peter Block, John McKnight, Michael Kendrick and the ideas about social capital are a real asset.**

We Offer...

Competitive compensation and the opportunity to learn new skills in an encouraging, collaborative environment.

Please submit:

An resume and cover letter outlining why you are the ideal candidate and quoting **12-01** by February 6, 2012 to Employee Services, Community Living Society; e-mail: rbenjamin@communitylivingsociety.ca or fax: 604.800.0251.