





The Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre

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Information for consumer/survivors of the mental health system, those who serve us, and those who care about us.

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Report on Business

The Alternative Businesses are places where consumer/survivors have carved out workplaces where their mental health status isn't an issue. Everyone from top to bottom is a person with a history of mental health and/or substance use issues. Here's some news from a couple of the businesses.

A-Way Express Courier celebrated its 19th Anniversary of service with a barbeque on Friday June 9th. Nineteen years of service to customers and providing jobs and support to C/S's is a great accomplishment and everyone involved is to be congratulated. Staff, board members, volunteers, politicians, and friends of the agency, had a great time.

The Raging Spoon has temporarily shut down the restaurant, but the catering business is flourishing. They'll do catering 24/7 and I hear nothing but rave reviews about the new menu, wherever I go, and when I use them for meetings. I hear that Mayor Miller loves the food and that City Council has passed a resolution to encourage the use of social enterprise whenever possible in its own business dealings. Helen.

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I took the road less travelled and now......where the heck am I?

(One of our readers wanted to share this quote)



My Research Ethics Dilemma

By Helen Hook

You may have noticed that sometimes we have announcements of research studies that need participants and sometimes months go by and we don't have any at all. That's because of the balance/tension between me, my conscience and whoever is here in the position of Assistant Coordinator. The tug of war goes back and forth and the rope slides over the line in both directions, as you have, no doubt, been able to discern.

I am really torn about putting announcements in. I don't want to use the Bulletin as a vehicle for us to be used as subjects or guinea pigs in yet another research project that may end up being used against us. There's the danger of people seeing an implied stamp of approval simply because the request was in the Bulletin. So, in the issues that I have put together alone, usually there are no announcements.

You know that since I've been here, I have worked with Michelle, the permanent Assistant Coordinator, and Carmen and Carolyn, who've replaced her while she's been on maternity leave. These different people have brought different perspectives and so sometimes we post the notices. Some of those different perspectives are:

- People may want to help with studies and furthering research.
- Sometimes there's money involved and we shouldn't be denying people a chance to make the honorarium, small though it is.
- Sometimes people in a study can get access to a treatment that they couldn't get or couldn't afford outside of being in the study.
- It's not up to us to decide. Print the notice and let our readers decide if they want to participate or not.

I guess the last statement is the most compelling for me. In the Recovery Model, (again with the Recovery Model!!), people choose their own ways to get better, and to be in the world. An "other", even a benign other like me, doesn't make the choices for people.

So, what do you think? Do you want these in or not? We have dropped Survey Monkey for now, so you'll have to tell us the old fashioned way - call us at 416 595-2882 or email to csinfo@camh.net. Let us know your thoughts or feelings about the Bulletin posting notices for participating in research studies. We want to know and we'll go with the majority.



Please note: The hours for the Soundtimes Art and Craft Show and Sale are June 15th and 16th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm and June 17th and 18th from 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm., not as listed in the announcements in Bulletin #324, June 15th -18th from 12:00 noon- 5:00 pm.

The College/Shaw Library yoga class on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 pm has been moved to Wednesdays, same time/location. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Free & Low Cost Events

Thursday, June 15th

Aboriginal Arts and Crafts/Digging Roots Music Performance. Free. Visit the Aboriginal Arts and Crafts Fair with a music performance by the band, Digging Roots. Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen St. W. Info: 416 392-5583 or www.toronto.ca/diversity. Fair open 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Music, 12:00 noon.



Storytelling Workshop. Free. Workshop for new and experienced storytellers with Dan Yashinsky. Oakwood Village Library and Arts Centre, 341 Oakwood Ave. Info: 416 394-1040. 6:30 – 8:15 pm.

Friday, June 16th

Barbados on the Water Festival. Free. Celebrate the culture of the Barbados with jazz, soca and calypso music, food, dance, theatre, literary readings and more. Festival runs to June 18th. Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queen's Quay W. For more information on events and times contact: 416 973-4000 or www.harbourfrontcentre.com. 6:00 pm.

Saturday, June 17th

Sound Times Art and Craft Show Reception. Free. Sound Times First Annual Art and Craft Show and Sale. Come see the collection of original art, handmade jewellery and handbags. Show continues to June 18th. Cabbagetown Community Centre for the Arts, 454 Parliament St. Info: 416 979-1700 or www.soundtimes.com. Show opens, 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm. Reception, 1:00 pm.

Cabbagetown – North Walk. Free. Heritage Toronto walk explores the history, architecture and stories of the people and places in the Cabbagetown neighbourhood. Meet at the northeast corner of Wellesley St. E. and Parliament St. Info: 416 338-0684 or www.heritagetoronto.org. 1:30 pm.

Taste of Italy Festival. Free. The 8th annual Taste of Italy Festival begins with a celebration of music, food and culture of Toronto's Little Italy neighbourhood. There will be live music, food tasting, family events and more. Festival runs to June 18th. College St between Euclid St. and Shaw St. For more information on events and times contact: www.littleitaly.sites.toronto.com/page/154qy/Special Events.html or 416 531-9991. 12:00 noon – 11:00 pm.

Sunday, June 18th

Edwards Gardens Walk. Free. North York Senior Walkers presents this walk through scenic Edwards Gardens. Meet in the parking lot. Edwards Gardens Park, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. Info: 416 241-2932 or www.smartgroups.com/vault/northyorkseniorwalkers/Public/Upcoming Walks.htm. 9:00 am.

Historic Toronto Walk. Free. ROM walk explores Toronto's First Post Office, Bank of Upper Canada, St. Lawrence Market, St. James' Cathedral. Meet at 260 Adelaide Street East. Look for the blue umbrella. Info: 416 586-8097. 2:00 pm.

Monday, June 19th

Neekwanisidok, Fine Art Exhibit. Free. Exhibition of works. City Hall Rotunda, City Hall, 100 Queen St. W. Info: 416 392-5583 or www.toronto.ca/diversity. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.



Rainbow Flag Raising - Pride Week. Free. Join Mayor David Miller and other dignitaries to proclaim Pride Week and raise the Rainbow Flag from the courtesy flag pole. City Hall, 100 Queen St. W. For more information on Pride Week celebrations contact: 416 927-7433 or www.pridetoronto.com. 12:00 noon.

Fishing in the City Event. Free. Scadding Court Community Centre will transform an indoor swimming pool into an indoor trout-fishing pond. All welcome to take part in this unique fishing opportunity. Event continues to June 24th. Scadding Court Community Centre, 707 Dundas St. W. Info: 416 392-0335 or www.toronto.ca/parks. Public fishing, M-F, 4:00 – 7:00 pm and Sat., 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Tuesday, June 20th

World Refugee Day. Free. Celebrate World Refugee Day with music, dance and many other activities. Yonge-Dundas Square (south east corner of Yonge St. and Dundas St.). Info: 416 979-9960 or www.ydsquare.ca. 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm.

Hatha Yoga Class. Free. Learn relaxation meditation and hatha yoga techniques. John Innes Community Centre, 150 Sherbourne St. Info: 416 392-6779. 6:30 – 8:00 pm.



Wednesday, June 21st

National Aboriginal Day Celebration. Free. The Day begins with a Peace and Unity Walk to Trinity Bellwoods Park. Celebration Event includes: Welcome Circle – Living Medicine Wheel Ceremony, storytelling, drumming, dancing, music, craft fair and activities for everyone. For the Walk meet at the City Hall, 100 Queen St. W. at 9:00 am. Celebration event at Trinity Bellwoods Park, 1053 Dundas St. West. Info: 416 392-5583 or www.toronto.ca/diversity. 11:00 am – 4:30 pm.

Solstice and Equinoxes Walk. Free. Toronto Public Labyrinth, Trinity Square (behind the Eaton Centre). Info: 416 489-4471. 12:00 noon.

Music Performance. Free. The Lester McLean Trio performs its blend of acoustic, soul, funk, jazz, reggae and Brazilian inspired music. Yonge-Dundas Square (south east corner of Yonge St. and Dundas St.). Info: 416 979-9960 or www.ydsquare.ca. 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

The Grange Neighbourhood Walk. Free. The ROM walk explores Our Lady of Mount Carmel, George Brown House, John Cawthra House, Beverley Mansions, AGO, Italian Consulate, St. George the Martyr, The Grange. Meet at Dundas and McCaul Streets. Info: 416 586-8097. 6:00 pm.

Thursday, June 22nd

Canada Pension and Old Age Pension. Free. Information session for seniors. Runnymede Library, 2178 Bloor St. W. Info: 416 393-7697. 2:00 pm.

Planet of the Apes Movie. Free. Afternoon at the movies presents this science fiction film. Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. Info: 395-5440. 2:00 – 4:30 pm.

The National Ballet of Canada Performance Screening. Free. The National Ballet of Canada celebrates its first performance at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts with a live simulcast screening of the inaugural performance and events. Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen St. W. Info: 416 345-9595 or www.national.ballet.ca. 6:30 pm.

Friday, June 23rd

Jim Galloway & his Wee Big Band - TD Jazz Festival. The Ellington-Swing style music performance. Festival continues to July 2. Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen St. W. For more information on events and times contact: 416 928-2033 or www.torontojazz.com. 12:00 noon.

Rap for Peace Concert. Free. Parents Against Violence Everywhere (PAVE) presents this event. Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge St. Info: 416 395-7582. 6:00 – 9:00 pm.



Comedy on the Danforth. PWYC. An hour of improv comedy from The Wrecking Crew. Timothy's WorldNews Café, 320 Danforth Ave. Info: 416 461-2668 or www.comedyonthedanforth.com. 9:00 pm.



Saturday, June 24th

18th Annual Dragon Boat Race Festival. Free (Island Ferry \$6.00). Various teams compete in this annual festival. Many multi-cultural food, displays, performances and activities for everyone. Toronto Centre Island. Take the ferry to Centre Island from the Toronto Ferry Docks (Bay St. and Queen's Quay West). Info: 416 595-0313, Ext. 23 or www.dragonboats.com/pages/events.html. 8:00 am – 6:00 pm.

Celebration of Cricket. Free. This event promotes and celebrates the game of Cricket. Cheer on the various teams competing throughout the day including: Toronto Mayor's X1, Toronto Police Chief's X1, TTC Cricket Team, Toronto Star and many other teams. There will also be a variety of children's activities, refreshments and entertainment. Sunnybrook Park, 1132 Leslie St. Info: 1 866 220-8395 or www.cimacanada.org. 9:00 am – 6:00 pm.

The Guild - Alive with Culture. Free. The Guild Renaissance Group presents this celebration of culture with art, music, dance, food and storytelling. There will be tours, displays, demonstrations and many other activities. Celebration continues to June 25th. The Guild Inn and Gardens, 201 Guildwood Parkway (south side of Guildwood Parkway between Morningside Ave. and Kingston Rd.). Info: 416 410-2162 or www.scarborougharts.com/groups/renaissance. 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

The Dyke March 2006. Free. The annual Dyke March provides a focus on queer women. March begins at Church St. and Hayden St. moving north to Bloor St. E., then west to Yonge St., south on Yonge St. to Wood St., east on Wood St. back to Church St. For more information contact: 416 927-7433 or www.pridetoronto.com. 2:00 pm.

Franco Fete Music Concert. Free. Musical Performances by Collectivo and Kevin Parker. Harbourfront Centre. 235 Queen's Quay W. Info: 416 973-4000 or www.harbourfrontcentre.com. 8:00 pm.

The Nylons Performance. Free. The Nylons perform as part of Pride Weekend Celebration. TD Canada Trust North Stage, Church St. and Gloucester St. Pride Weekend celebrations continue to June 25th. For more information on other events contact: 416 927 7433 or www.pridetoronto.com. 9:30 pm.

Sunday, June 25th

Strawberry Festival. \$3.00. Enjoy this annual Festival with this year's theme of Alice in Wonderland. Many activities, games, music, contests, displays and of course strawberries and other treats. Spadina Museum, 285 Spadina Rd. Info: 416 392-6910 or www.toronto.ca/museums. 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm.

Pedestrian Sundays. Free. Celebrate the summer solstice with a car-free festival in Kensington Market. Kensington Market, located along several streets south of College St., west of Spadina Ave., north of Dundas St and east of Bellevue. Info: 416 531-7564 or www.pskensington.ca. 1:00 – 7:00 pm.

Pride Parade. Free. The Pride Parade starts at the corner of Bloor Street E. and Church St., moves west to Yonge St., proceeds south on Yonge St. to Gerrard St., moves east on Gerrard St. and finishes at Church St. For more information on other events contact: 416 927-7433 or www.pridetoronto.com. 2:00 pm.

Cello Music Performance, "From Field to Snow". Free. The Toronto Music Garden presents cello music featuring music by Bach, Arvo Part, Villa-Lobos, Pink Martini and others. Toronto Music Garden, 475 Queens Quay W. Info: 416 973-4000 or www.harbourfrontcentre.com. 4:00 pm.



Monday, June 26th

Rob McConnell Tentet Performance – Toronto Jazz Festival. Free. Lunchtime jazz. Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen St. W. Toronto Jazz Festival continues to July 2nd. For more information on events/locations and times contact: 416 928-2033 or www.torontojazz.com. 12:00 noon.

Tuesday, June 27th

Klez Factor Music Concert. Free. Enjoy the eclectic fusion of jazz and klezmer music in the park. This event kicks off the park's weekly summer concert music series. Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre, Earl Bales Park, Bathurst St. and Sheppard Ave. W. Info: 416 395-7873 or www.toronto.ca. 7:30 – 8:30 pm.

Creature from the Black Lagoon Movie. Free. See this 1954 Classic film that inspired the genre. Free 3D glasses for the first 300 individuals. Yonge-Dundas Square (south east corner of Yonge St. and Dundas St.). Info: 416 979-9960 or www.ydsquare.ca. 9:00 – 11:00 pm.

Wednesday, June 28th

Brass Music Concert. Free. Music from the Toronto Fanfare Project. Yonge-Dundas Square (south east corner of Yonge St. and Dundas St.). Info: 416 979-9960 or www.ydsquare.ca. 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

Chocolat Movie. Free. Afternoon at the Movies presents the comedy, Chocolat (2000) starring Juliet Binoche. Beaches Library, 2161 Queen St. E. Info: 416 393-7703. 2:00 pm.

The Necropolis Walk. Free. The ROM walk explores Graves of William Lyon Mackenzie, Peter Matthews and Samuel Lount, Ned Hanlon, George Brown, Thornton Blackburn, Joseph Bloore. Meet at the Necropolis Chapel (200 Winchester Street). Look for the blue umbrella. Info: 416 586-8097. 6:00 pm.

Thursday, June 29th

Wellness Health Lecture. Free. The library celebrates senior's month with this lecture on wellness. Room 1, North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. Info: 416 395-5535. 2:00 pm.

Music Performance, Brass Tracks I: True North Brass. Free. The Toronto Music Garden presents Canadian musicians James Gardiner and Raymond Tizzard (trumpets), Joan Watson (french horn), Alastair Kay (trombone), and Scott Irvine (tuba). A 45 minute, pre-concert walking tour of the Toronto Music Garden will be held at 5:30 pm. Toronto Music Garden, 475 Queens Quay W. Info: 416 338-0338 or www.harburfrontcentre.com. Concert begins, 7:00 pm.

Friday, June 30th

Cruzao Grupo Monstruoso Performance – Toronto Jazz Festival. Free. The Latin-rap trumpet music of Nick Ali's Cruzao Grupo Monstrusoso. Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen St. W. 416 928-2033 or www.torontojazz.com. 12:00 noon.

ROM Fridays. Free. Currently showing the special exhibitions Deco Lalique and Korea around 1900: Paintings of Gisan. Also on view the World Cultures, Natural History, Chinese and Japanese Galleries. The Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park. Info: 416 586-8000 or www.rom.on.ca. 4:30 – 9:30 pm.

Announcements

Sound Times 1st Annual Art and Craft Show and Sale

June 15th and 16th from 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm June 17th and 18th from 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm

There will be a reception on **Saturday June 17**th at **1:00 pm**.

Cabbagetown Community Centre for the Arts, 454 Parliament St. (north of Gerrard St)

For more information contact: 416 979-1700 or www.soundtimes.com



Don't miss the 2nd screening of the film,

Revolution #9

The film, which takes you into the Schizophrenia Experience.

"Utterly Absorbing!" Roger Ebert

Date: June 19, 2006 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm Place: National Film Board, 150 John St.

If you are a consumer survivor admission is free. (at the door)

Admission: \$10.00. The screening is a fundraising event for the Secret Handshake, a peer support network for those diagnosed with Schizophrenia.

For more information, e-mail thesecrethandshake@hotmail.com.

presented by The Secret Handshake, Schizophrenia Peer Support Network

Being Scene Art 2006

A CAMH Art Exhibition

June 29, 2006 – June 17, 2007

An exhibition featuring over 50 of the Centre's artists

Opening Reception: June 29, 2006 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Queen Street Site, Administration Building, 1001 Queen St. West

Exhibition Locations

10:00 am – 8:00 pm daily at all sites. Catalogues available at reception. 1001 Queen Street West; 250 College Street and 33 Russell Street

For more information contact: 416 583-4339. Presented by Workman Arts.

The Leadership Project announces

International Recovery Perspectives: Implications, Innovations, Implementation

A Conference in critical and creative explorations of leading edge approaches in Mental Health Recovery.

Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17, 2006

Hart House, 7 Hart House Circle, University of Toronto

Cost for the conference is \$300.00.

There are a limited number of <u>subsidized</u> seats available for the main conference for Consumer/Survivors and families on a limited income. Register <u>now</u> as there are only a <u>limited number of spaces</u>. For registration and more information contact:

Brian McKinnon 416 285-7996 ext. 227 or <u>bmckinnon@iprimus.ca</u>

There will be a free Pre-Conference Day for Consumer/Survivors

Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at the Steelworkers Hall, 25 Cecil Street

For more information call 416 482-4103 or e-mail heinz klein@hotmail.com or meligstarkman@yahoo.ca.



<u>Older Persons' Mental Health and Addictions Network of Ontario (OPMHAN)</u> has just launched their new website. <u>www.ontario.cmha.ca/opmhan</u>.

The website lists information, news, events and resources specific to mental health and aging. You can download, The Directory of Mental Health and Addiction Services for Older Adults, which is an extensive directory listing services, resources including elderly persons' centres across Ontario. For more information contact: **416 325-7643**.

The Toronto Transit Commission, Name the New Subway Train Contest

The TTC is ordering 234 new subway cars to replace their oldest trains. The new cars will be arriving in 2009. The first subway car; in 1954, was named "The Gloucester" after the place in England, where it was built. But after that, they were given names like "M1", and "H1", "H2", "H3". The last train model ordered in 1993 was named "T1". Can you think of a better name for the new subways? You could win a transferable adult Metropass for a year (\$1098); one of 5 monthly adult transferable Metropasses (\$99.75); or one of 5 adult transferable weekly passes(\$30.00).

You can get an entry form from the TTC or online at <u>www.ttc.ca</u>. Deadline is 11:59 pm. on July 21, 2006.

Wellness and Recovery Newsletter – A reminder about our new quarterly publication – It isn't an automatic subscription for anyone who gets the Bulletin. Our second issue will be coming out in June. Don't forget to subscribe, if you haven't already. Call us at 416 595-2882 or email us at csinfo@camh.net.

Employment Related Programs

Looking for work through a Temporary Agency? Come to this free workshop to get information and strategies on how to protect your rights at work. Learn how to choose a temp agency and what to expect when dealing with an agency.

Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at 1:30 pm

Skills for Change Employment Resource Centre, 791 St. Clair Ave. West, Room 211 To register and for more information contact 416 658-3101 Ext. 225.

YMCA North York Employment and Newcomer Services presents, Starting Your Own Business Information Session. With Consultant, Lynn Tremblay.

> When: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Where: 4580 Dufferin St. 2nd floor

> To register and for more information contact: 416 635-9622



Volunteer Opportunities

June is Senior's Month. Here are some volunteer opportunities for seniors or to work with seniors.

Ontario Society (Coalition) of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO) represents over 140 non-profit seniors organizations. OCSCO supports seniors through education programs, policy and research, information, referral, counseling, research materials, outreach and support, self-help and volunteer programs. Volunteers are needed in office administration, board committees, bingo, educational/special events, fundraising, research, speakers' bureau, tel-tree actions and much more. For more information contact 416 785-8570 or www.web.net/~ocsco.

<u>Health Action Theatre for Seniors</u> (HATS) is a small culturally diverse group of volunteers who use theatre (mime) to promote relevant health and social issues. HATS is looking for seniors as volunteers/program participants for their monthly presentations. For more information contact: Isabel Palmar at 416 532-4828 ext.116 or e-mail, <u>isabelpa@stchrishouse.org</u>. Website: <u>www.seniorstheatre.org</u>.

Job Postings

Cashier. Part-time, Wed. – Sun. 11:30 am – 6:30 pm. High School. References required. **E-mail,** jumboempanadas@gmail.com. Posted: www.workopolis.com.

Roofers and General Help. Phone Bar, 416 712-6355. Posted: www.workopolis.com.

Retail Sales Associates. Full and part-time positions. Salaried. Wm. Ashley China is looking for highly motivated customer service oriented individuals for their Kitchen/ House wares, Gift and Registry Departments. Retail selling experience essential. **Phone, 416 964-3900.** Posted: www.workopolis.com.

Residential/Crisis Support Workers for Short-term Crisis Beds (Safe Beds) and Housing Services.

Relief On Call. \$15.45/hour + vacation pay. Canadian Mental Health Association, Toronto Branch is a non-profit community based mental health agency providing a wide range of services across Toronto.

Qualifications include: minimum College Diploma education in Social Work/Social Sciences; experience in residential setting for people with serious mental illnesses; skills in Mental Health Assessment and Crisis Intervention (asset); shift work includes days, evenings, overnight and weekends; valid driver's license and access to a vehicle (asset). Apply by mail, Program Manager, Case Management Services-MHJ and Safe Bed, Canadian Mental Health Association – Toronto Branch, 700 Lawrence Ave. W., Suite 480, Toronto, ON M6A 3B4. E-mail, safebeds@cmha-toronto.net. Fax, 416 789-9079. For more information contact: www.toronto.cmha.ca. Deadline: June 19, 2006. Posted: www.charityvillage.ca.

Membership Coordinator. Part-time. Start, \$33,233 + benefits. Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA) represents over 750 members own and manages over 150,000 non-profit units for families, seniors, people with disabilities and the chronically homeless. Qualifications include: proven experience managing a relational database (iMIS); three to five years experience with fundraising or marketing programs supported by relevant post secondary degree or comparable education and experience: excellent written and verbal communication skills and strong customer service skills; MS Office including Access; ability to work independently; good analytical skills (essential); experience in Association work, research skills and basic HTML (asset).

Apply to, Jo Ferris-Davies, Director Member Development and Education, Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association. **E-mail**, <u>Jo.ferris-davies@onpha.org</u>. **Deadline: June 22, 2006.**

For more information, www.onpha.on.ca. Posted: www.charityvillage.ca.



Community Support Worker (Case Manager) Community Support Services, Family Program.

Full time permanent. \$46,697 to 51,389 + Benefits. Community Resource Connections of Toronto (CRCT) is a community mental health organization that assists individuals with severe mental health problems by working directly with them and indirectly through our community work. This is a mental health case management position working primarily in the East end of Toronto, travel will be required to our Scarborough office and to the homeless family shelters in Scarborough.

A car is a necessity.

Job Responsibilities include: Ability to assess clients for appropriateness for our service; provide individual support to parents living with serious mental health problems, especially those who are homeless and living in Scarborough family shelters; work with individuals and their families to acquire/maintain adequate stable housing; provide assistance and support to the parent to access and use needed services/resources and supports; identify and address needs of other family members; work collaboratively with other agencies to meet the needs of the family unit; continue to provide support to the client and their family after they move into the community for as long as is required; provide consultation related to mental health issues to shelter staff. Qualifications include: A least two of the following: a degree or diploma in health or social services; direct personal experience of the mental health system; recent significant work experience with people with serious mental health problems; ability to work with families; experience working with both traditional mental health services and other agencies/organizations that may support individuals with these types of challenges; knowledge of systems issues related to homelessness, mental health recovery and the Mental Health Act; basic competency in a Microsoft environment; experience with organizations that serve ethno-racial communities and youth (asset); child welfare, children's mental health and/or substance abuse treatment experience (asset); ability to work in Anti-racist, anti-oppressive manner; Excellent communication skills in English. Knowledge of a second language or culture relevant to the community needs in Toronto (significant asset); a valid Ontario driver's licence, reliable car and third party \$1 million business insurance is required for this position.

In order to serve the increasing diversity of individuals we work with, the successful applicant will have an understanding of anti-racism work and a familiarity with issues affecting ethno-racial communities.

Apply in writing to: East Team Hiring Coordinator, Community Resource Connections of Toronto, 366 Adelaide Street East, Suite 230, Toronto, ON M5A 3X9. E-mail to: hiringcommittee@crct.org.

Deadline: Monday, June 19, 2006 at 5:00 pm.

For more information contact: www.crct.org.

Applications from people with direct experience with the mental health system, people of colour, Aboriginal people and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Personal disclosure will be held in confidence.

Administrative Assistant, Restorative Justice Programme. Part-time/2 year contract. \$20,000-\$25,000. Conflict Mediation Services of Downsview (CMS-D) is a not-for-profit organization that helps people in families, workplaces, schools and neighbourhoods understand and resolve conflict. Qualifications include: diligent, organized, accurate and detailed-oriented; ability to multi-task, organize, prioritize and demonstrate flexibility in dealing with a variety of daily tasks; effective communication skills; ability to work independently; sensitivity to criminal justice issues; an understanding of Restorative Justice; experience working in non-profit (asset); commitment to collaborative decision-making and ability to work in diverse settings; proficiency in MS Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, PowerPoint; second language (asset); reference check for successful applicants.

Apply to Michele Sauve, Co-ordinator, Restorative Justice Programme, Conflict Mediation Services of Downsview. **Mail**, 95 Eddystone Ave., 2nd Floor, Toronto, ON M3N 1H6. **Fax**, 416 740-6892. Applicant should quote Job # Admin Assistant, RJ Programme. **Deadline: June 28, 2006.**

For more information contact: www.cmsd.org. Posted: www.charityvillage.ca.