

Job Posting

Job Title :	Food Access Worker	Status:	Full-time, (3 Months) Contract
Department:	Housing Services, Rooming House Project	Union:	Included (CUPE Local 2497)
Salary:	Level 3 Start rate: \$26.03/hr. Job rate: \$26.92/hr.	File No.:	#21-HHS-40
Posting Date:	August 24 th , 2021	Posting Close:	September 15 th , 2021

Dixon Hall Neighbourhood Services is a multi-service agency located in the heart of east downtown Toronto. **Since 1929**, we have been touching the lives of thousands of our Community's most vulnerable residents by providing a range of programs and services across every stage of life.

Reporting to the Manager of Community Development, the Food Access Worker is responsible for the operation of food programming within the Rooming House Project. The Food Access Worker will work with peers, volunteers and tenants of the Rooming Houses and food access partners, to reduce barriers to healthy food. The Food Access Worker will facilitate cooking, life skills groups, assist with coordination of peers and volunteers, recruit tenants to programs, skills training and conduct health promotion activities related to food access, food security and healthy eating.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Prepare nutritious, congregate meals for Housing Services clients at various locations in Toronto's downtown east side.
- Prepares and handles food and operates a kitchen safely, in accordance with regulations established by the Toronto Department of Public Health.
- Work collaboratively with community partners to provide congregate meals at sites within the community.
- Develop nutritious menu items appropriate to low-income individuals.
- Train and supervise peers, as well as corporate, and agency volunteers in food handling, preparation, and service practices.
- Work collaboratively with Housing Services staff to develop and implement food and nutrition based programming for low-income clients.
- Work collaboratively with community partners to provide food security programming at sites within the community.
- Promote access to food security programming in the community for low-income individuals.

- Work collaboratively with Dixon Hall staff, volunteers, and community partners.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School diploma or GED-equivalent.; BSW or other post-secondary education relating to the housing sector considered an asset.
- Food Handlers certification.
- Demonstrated experience in kitchen preparation and congregate cooking.
- Demonstrated community development experience.
- Excellent customer service, organizational, and interpersonal skills.
- Strong understanding of food insecurity issues effecting low-income and homeless individuals.
- Sensitive to the needs of low-income and homeless individuals.
- Strong written and verbal English language communication skills; other languages an asset.
- Effective at building good interpersonal relationships; ability to be flexible and patient when interacting with clients, peers, and volunteers.
- Strong crisis de-escalation skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Emergency First Aid/CPR certification preferred
- MUST be qualified to work in Canada legally for the employer.
- Able to provide a “Clear” or satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Police Check as determined by the operational requirements of the program.

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter as a single Word or PDF document to hr@dixonhall.org by September 7th, 2021 **at 4:30 p.m.** quoting **File #21-HHS-40** in the email “Subject” line.

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