



## Housing Outreach Worker Home Again

**About Us:** Closer to Home Community Services is a Calgary and Airdrie based not-for-profit agency that delivers a variety of services designed to meet the needs of vulnerable children and their families. Through the work done in our programs we envision:

- That every child we serve will belong to a family
- That children, youth and families will recognize and achieve their full potential
- That programs and interventions will build healthy and resilient families

**About the Position:** In this full-time position, the Housing Outreach Worker works in collaboration with the Calgary Homeless Foundation to find accommodation for people experiencing homelessness. The goal of the position is to assist the individual in obtaining housing by connecting with landlords that are willing to rent to our clientele. The Housing Outreach Worker will meet with landlords in the community, do viewings and visit clients in their homes. The Housing Outreach Worker will be employing a housing first approach and will be working with individuals with mental health and addiction issues. Specific responsibilities will include move-in paperwork, insurance forms, developing action plans, negotiating, home visits and goal setting.

**About You:** You possess exceptional verbal and written communication skills and have the ability to effectively communicate with and relate to people of all ages. You are extremely detail oriented, organized and can effectively manage multiple priorities at one time. You are able to develop and maintain strong working relationships with parents, children and youth and their family as a whole as well as with community agencies and resources. You are a compassionate individual with a positive and empathetic approach who understands how to set appropriate professional boundaries. You have experience with individuals from a variety of cultural backgrounds, are sensitive to their cultural and spiritual needs and can incorporate these into planning for families. You will have experience working with homeless populations and the housing sector. Knowledge and experience with housing locating, landlord relations, and subsidized housing programs. You will possess the skills to provide case management to families to assist with maintaining housing and goal setting around finances, education, employment, and basic needs. In addition, you are eager to learn and carry out the principles and philosophy of Closer to Home and the Teaching-Family Model.

A diploma or degree in a related field and/or previous experience working with vulnerable children and families is required. You must be willing to work a flexible work week, including evenings and weekends when needed. Preference will be given to those candidates with experience with HMIS, however training is available. The successful candidate must also have a valid driver's license, reliable transportation, adequate and current insurance and be willing to provide a driver's abstract upon hire. In addition, a First Aid/CPR, Police Information Check and an Intervention Record Check must be completed upon hire.

**Required Competencies:** All positions at Closer to Home Community Services require (5) competencies: Instills Trust, Consumer Focus, Communicates Effectively, Situational Adaptability and Ensures Accountability.

**Interested applicants are asked to submit their Cover Letter and Resume using the following link:**

<https://closerhome.bamboohr.com/jobs/>

**Closing Date: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. For more information on our organization, please visit our website at [www.closerhome.com](http://www.closerhome.com).*