

Job Opportunity

Peer Coordinator, Community Action Team

About Community Action Initiative (CAI)

CAI supports community-led projects addressing mental health and substance use challenges across BC through Community Action Teams (CATs). CAI funds and trains community organizations to implement innovative services aligned with BC's *Pathway to Hope*.

About Sunshine Coast Community Action Team

The Sunshine Coast Community Action Team (CAT) unites community members and service providers, including first responders, non-profits, health authorities, local government, families, and individuals with lived experience. Our mission is to address the toxic drug crisis through community collaboration.

About Sunshine Coast Community CAT Steering Committee

The Peer Coordinator will report to the Project Lead and the CAT Steering Committee, comprised of members from seven participating organizations on the Lower Sunshine Coast. Together, they support directional decisions and oversee the CAT and its operations.

Steering Committee Member Representatives: Pender Harbour Health, Sunshine Coast Community Services, District of Sechelt, Town of Gibsons, Vancouver Coastal Health, i2iPeer Support, RainCity Housing and the Sunshine Coast Resource Centre.

Job Title: Peer Coordinator for the Sunshine Coast CAT

Reports to: Project Lead and Sunshine Coast Community CAT Steering Committee

Location: Flexible within the Lower Sunshine Coast

Hours: Part Time (15-20 hours per week) Hours variable; some evenings and weekends required

Pay Rate: \$27.00 per hour

Timeline: December 2024 - October 2025

Job Summary

Work with the CAT Steering Committee to integrate peer insights into team strategies. Collaborate with the Project Coordinator on peer-led approaches and public awareness outreach while actively engaging peers in CAT initiatives and meetings.



Key Duties and Responsibilities

- **Strategy and Support:**
 - Define and implement peer-led strategies (e.g., peer support, safe supply, naloxone training, and employment opportunities).
 - Track and evaluate peer project data with the Project Lead and CAT Steering Committee.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - Participate in events to promote harm reduction resources.
 - Engage peers in monthly CAT meetings.
- **Data Collection and Reporting:**
 - Coordinate and conduct phone interviews with CAT representatives to gather information.

Qualifications and Experience

- Valued experiences include lived or living experience of substance use, mental health challenges, homelessness, and harm reduction practices.
- Experience with public speaking, meeting facilitation, and delivering educational sessions.

Skills and Abilities:

- Basic computer literacy (Word, Excel, email, internet searches).
- Effective verbal and written communication; ability to work independently and collaboratively.
- Familiarity with reconciliation, decolonization, equity, and inclusion principles (asset).
- Ability to self-direct, prioritize, and build rapport with peers and interviewees.

Requirements:

- Willingness to share personal experiences as applicable.
- Valid BC Driver's license and access to a vehicle (preferred but not required).
- Completion of (or willingness to complete) "Take Home Naloxone Train the Trainer" course.
- Current First Aid certification (training can be arranged).
- Criminal Record Check required.
- Access to a computer, cell phone, and vehicle for travel within the Sunshine Coast.

How to Apply

Please outline how you meet the specific requirements for this position and submit your resume and cover letter to hayley@resourcecentre.ca by 5pm on November 21st, 2024

