JOB POSTING: Research Assistant (RA) with OHTN Funded Community-Based Research Project in partnership with Regent Park Community Health Centre

Status: Part-time (approximately 8 hours per week up to a maximum of 416 hours)

Job Start Date: TBD

Salary: $25/hour

Location: Interviews will be conducted in person in Toronto; some research and advisory meetings to take place virtually

Project Title:
Harm Reduction Programming and HIV Prevention for Women, Trans and Non-Binary People who Use Drugs: Co-Creating Gender-Responsive, Sustainable Programming in the Context of Dual Public Health Emergencies

About the Research Project:
This project aims to enhance the capacity of women, trans, and non-binary people who use drugs (WTNB-PWUD) and service providers at community health centres and AIDS service organizations to meaningfully participate in the co-creation of gender-responsive harm reduction and HIV prevention programming. The project team will evaluate a unique gender-responsive supervised injection service (SIS) as well as mainstream SIS explore what service design elements are successful or could be improved to better address harm reduction, HIV prevention, and HIV treatment needs. From this evaluation, the team will develop a new model of gender-responsive harm reduction programming to address the HIV prevention cascade as well as overdose and other drug-related harms. This project aims to better understand the lived realities of WTNB-PWUD and to make harm reduction and HIV service models more accessible.

Job: As an integral member of the research team, the RA will assist the team in the implementation and execution of the study and related research activities. They will assist with the development of study materials as well as with the collection, management, and analysis of data. The RA will also collaborate with the team to conduct project activities and provide support as needed, including scheduling research team and advisory group meetings and supporting knowledge translation and dissemination activities as part of the study protocol.

Duties:

- Provide overall logistical support to the project
- Co-develop data collection tools
- Conduct interviews with study participants (in-person and in Toronto)
- Assist with the collection, management and analysis of data
- Collaborate in the analysis of qualitative interview data with the rest of the research team
- Collaboratively create knowledge transfer and exchange products with the rest of the research team
• Provide administrative duties, including scheduling of interviews, research team and advisory group meetings

Qualifications:

• Excited and passionate about working and/or learning about community-based research
• Knowledge and understanding of harm reduction principles
• Lived/living experience of substance use
• Must identify as woman, trans or non-binary person
• Experience with collection, management and analysis of data
• Experience with MaxQDA software or other qualitative analysis software (NVivo)
• Good written and oral communication skills
• Bachelor’s level training or higher in relevant field (e.g., social science)
• Enthusiasm to learn and be part of a dynamic team
• Reliable, motivated, and organized
• Previous experience with community-based research is an asset

Contact:

Please email your resume and a cover letter demonstrating your suitability for the position based on each of the qualifications outlined above to Dr. Carol Strike: carol.strike@utoronto.ca.