



### **Contract Clinical Counsellor (Parental Leave)**

Peers Victoria is a peer-led organization that has been working with for Victoria sex workers since 1995. Through direct service delivery and partnerships, Peers provides a range of outreach, harm reduction, group education and other support services. We maintain a welcoming and accessible service environment that promotes the empowerment of current and former sex workers.

**Position Summary:** 6-10 hours per week to provide one to one clinical counselling. We are looking for a clinical counsellor with expertise in one or more of trauma, substance use, sexualized violence, the sex industry, gender identity and Indigenous healing and wellness perspectives.

Reporting to the Manager of Programming, the contract position includes the following:

1. Conduct intake processes at Peers Victoria for individual counselling. Provide referrals to other resources in the community as needed.
2. Provide individual counselling sessions 30 mins to 1 hour over the phone, video, or by appointment or drop-in at the Peers Drop-in Centre. \*Currently most appointments are by phone, and this is the practice we anticipate going forward. One-to-one counselling will incorporate a range of approaches aimed at facilitating individuals' understanding of their experience, the emotional impact of their experiences, and the behavioral, emotional, cognitive and physical consequences. Counsellors will use assessment tools/strategies as well as explore past and present coping techniques. Approaches should consider perspectives on social inequality, the impact of colonization, and promote empowerment and cultural connection as applicable.
3. Attend regular clinical supervision (arranged or approved by Peers).
4. Maintain a counselling plan, progress and notes regarding unusual circumstances. Develop program best practice for counselling duration and closing practice.
5. Maintain records of support provided and summary of presenting issues, approaches, challenges and successes to be shared with funder, and in compliance with legal and ethical record keeping practice for clinical counselling.
6. Participate in Peers staff meetings as relevant and in meetings with community collaborators (Victoria Sexual Assault Centre and Men's Therapy Centre) to share and develop program approaches.
7. Maintain knowledge of current approaches and evidence for clinical counselling with marginalized populations.
8. Maintain knowledge of current resources in the region that provide complementary supports.
9. Work collaboratively and respectfully with Peers staff and volunteers.



10. Ensure work performed reflects mission, values, culture and strategic goals of Peers Victoria.

**Job details**

- Monthly contract July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- 6-10 hours per week at \$40-\$50/hr based on clinical counselling experience. Additional funds are available to support contracted counsellors' regular access to clinical supervision.
- Criminal Record Check required
- Professional liability insurance required
- Proof of licensing required

**Please submit a resume and cover letter that summarizes your relevant experience and skills to [peershiring@gmail.com](mailto:peershiring@gmail.com). Resumes accepted until 4:00 pm June 13<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

Applications from individuals with direct experience in any aspect of the sex industry are especially welcome. Peers welcomes Indigenous people, people of colour, and people of diverse abilities, genders, and sexualities.