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# BULLETIN

*Information for consumer/survivors of the mental health system,  
those who serve us, and those who care about us.*

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## 2%

The pittance of a 2% increase for people on ODSP that came down in the Ontario Budget in March is appalling. For a single person on ODSP, it will mean a difference of about \$19 a month. For a single parent with a child, it will be about \$30.

Since the province just found \$3 Billion in surplus, the argument that there is no money for more of a raise is specious at best. Sarah Blackstock, research and policy analyst at ISAC (Income Security and Advocacy Centre) says, "The money to alleviate poverty is there. What's missing is the political will – that's always been the missing ingredient with this government. Clearly, poor families are still not a priority for the current government."

In fact, we all know that while the major damage was done over the years of the Harris Tories, in real terms, ODSP rates will be lower at the end of the government's mandate than when the Liberals took power. The Liberals say they are creating opportunities for people living on OW and ODSP. Insultingly small increases like this one give us the opportunity to continue to go hungry and the opportunity to continue to remain in sub-standard housing.

We want to hear how you are coping on ODSP, how you make ends meet. Do you have any peer support / self-help advice for others in our community that you can pass on? Yes, dear readers, it's another request to send in submissions !!!!! Write or email to one of the addresses above. Or send us a rant about ODSP and the rates and we may publish it, as well. You know that we are always looking for your ideas and your experiences. Helen

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## **CAMH To Close Creative Crafts Program** by Helen Hook

So, CAMH is closing down another program. The Creative Crafts Program is to be closed at the end of April. Notice came to staff and clients in late March. It's a controversial move. It will indeed save money. It's said that seven staff will be laid off.

Letters from clients are pouring in to the Empowerment Council. Calls of complaint and requests that we write about it in the Bulletin are coming to us here at the Info Centre. Some people are worried that they will be missing an excellent relapse prevention mechanism they had in place, a support network of fellow consumers and staff of the program who would notice if something was "off" for them. Some make the case quite well that prevention is more cost effective than a crisis, which may include hospitalization, for any number of the current participants. Some feel the ages-old battle between the Arts and the Crafts and feel slighted that the official Art Therapy and Music Therapy programs are continuing, but not their program. Many are upset about the suddenness of the decision.

There's a lot of talk about the loss of income. You see, people could sell what they made. As we all know, when living on ODSP, every amount earned helps. I don't know how often the sales were or how much one made, but one letter writer called it a secondary income so that sounds like it was substantial for her. People talk about the feelings of self-esteem generated by earning money from the work of their own hands and the satisfaction of making something nice that people were willing to pay for.

I see the main problems with this closure as being two-fold. It appears that the decision was made top-down without a lot (or any?) consultation with the people involved. Were people consulted? Have they been offered alternatives, transitional programs, help locating other programs, etc? It seems like pretty short notice for people, some of whom have been attending the program for a number of years.

The second problem I see is financial. Any time the hospital is taking money out of people's pockets, it isn't a good thing. The focus on employment that CAMH has had over the past few years is Best Practice. Whether this was a good employment program or not isn't for us to say. In consultation with the participants, it could be designed to enable them to earn more, have more input into decision making, take more control of the program and learn ever more independence and strength. Steps have been taken at CAMH and it's time to step up to the plate again. Walk the Talk. Provide more opportunities, not fewer, for Consumers to earn their own money and make their lives better.

The Empowerment Council has met and informed CAMH about the concerns and questions raised by clients. The Council had also requested the Centre provide information and details on the transitional plan available to clients once Creative Crafts shuts down at end of April. The Centre has informed the Empowerment Council that a plan is in the works and details will be released by mid April.



## Free & Low Cost Events

### Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Healthy Mind, Body, Planet Tour Launch. Free.** Launch promoting the Tour and free tabloid, Depression Expression. There will be a yoga demonstration for anyone who wishes to participate. Union Station, Front St. (west of Bay St on the south side). Info: 416 538-7413 or [www.greeninspiration.org](http://www.greeninspiration.org). 10:00 – 11:00 am.

**Laughter Yoga. Free.** Join this unique approach to yoga. Annette Library, 145 Annette St. Info: 416 393-7692. 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.

**Toronto Zachor: The early years of Toronto's Jewish community - Toronto Storytelling Event. Free.** Fabled City Event presents, Jeffrey Canton with stories from Toronto's Jewish community. Also on view, Written in Stone by Susan L. Brown. The exhibition explores Jewish funeral monuments in Toronto. The Market Gallery, South St. Lawrence Market, Info: 416 656-2445 or [www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org](http://www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org). 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.

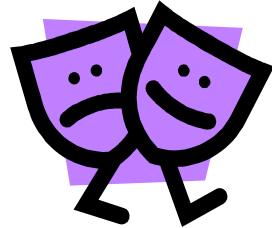
**Cross Currents Festival Carnival. PWYC. Diaspora Dialogues presents the Cross Currents Festival** featuring new performance works by emerging and established writers from diverse backgrounds, and from across Canada. Festival runs to April 9. Factory Studio Theatre, 125 Bathurst St. For information and to reserve tickets: 416 504-9971 or [www.factorytheatre.ca](http://www.factorytheatre.ca). 8:00 pm.

### Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Nature Talk on Birds. Free.** Toronto Field Naturalist presents, Mark Peck from the Royal Ontario Museum (Ontario Nest Records Scheme, Ornithology) talk on Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas in the Hudson Bay Lowlands. Emmanuel College, 75 Queen's Park Crescent East. Info: 416 593-2656. Refreshments at 2:00 pm. Talk at 2:30 pm.

**Music Concert. Free.** Chorus Concert. Hart House, Great Hall 7 Hart House Circle. Info: 416 978-2452. 3:00 pm.

**Dan Yashinsky Storytelling Festival Event. PWYC.** The Joan Bodger Memorial Lecture presents, storyteller, author, teacher, speaker Dan Yashinsky. Lillian H. Smith Library, 239 College St. The Toronto Storytelling Festival 2006 continues to April 9. Info: 416 656-2445 or [www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org](http://www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org). 7:30 – 9:00 pm.



### Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Music Concert. Free.** Chamber Strings Concert. Hart House, Great Hall 7 Hart House Circle. Info: 416 978-2452. 8:00 pm.

### Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

**Reclaiming America from the Religious Right Talk. Free.** Rabbi Michael Lerner, discusses issues relating to his book, The Left Hand of God: Taking Back Our Country from the Religious Right. Innis Town Hall, 2 Sussex Ave. Info: 416 979-5000 ext. 5321. 6:30 pm.

**Medieval Tales – Storytelling Festival Event. PWYC.** Melanie Ray tells medieval tales of passion, love, betrayal and death. Oakwood Village Library and Arts Centre, 341 Oakwood Ave. Info: 416 656-2445 or [www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org](http://www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org). 8:00 – 10:00 pm.

### Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

**The Story of the Weeping Camel Movie. Free.** Afternoon at the Movies presents this National Geographic film about a Mongolian family's journey of faith and change. Beaches Library, 2161 Queen St. East. Info: 416 393-7703. 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

**Fat Albert's. PWYC.** Fat Albert's Open Mic has been a venue for many local musicians since the 1960's. The United Steelworkers' Hall, 25 Cecil Street (between Beverley Street and Spadina Avenue). Info: 416 964-2842. 8:00 pm.

**Long Stories II – Storytelling Festival Event. PWYC.** Hour One: Tale of Branwen - A telling from the great Welsh "Mabinogi" with original music. Hour Two: Orlando Furioso - Tales of spells and magic, love and war, women warriors and knights with Phil Thomas, Eirwen Malin, Mariella Bertelli, Lynda Howes, Marylyn Peringer. Oakwood Village Library and Arts Centre, 341 Oakwood Ave. Info: 416 656-2445 or [www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org](http://www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org). 8:00 – 10:00 pm.

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Music Concert. Free.** University of Toronto, Faculty of Music presents the music of Beethoven and others with Mayumi Seiler, violin and Walter Delahunt, piano. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. Info: 416 978-3744. 12:10 pm.



**Yorkville Art Walk Tour. Free.** The Yorkville Gallery Association presents its monthly walk through the galleries in Yorkville. Meet at Hazelton Lanes lower level, south end, in front of Browns Shoes. Enter Hazelton Lanes via 18 Hazelton Ave. or 55 Avenue Road, two blocks north of Bloor St. Info: 416 222-1756. 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

**Holistic Health Talk. Free.** The Link Between Food and Flatter Abdominals and Back Pain with health practitioners Shawn Marsland and Sally Smith. Carrot Common, 348 Danforth Avenue (enter by Book City). Info: 416 466-2129. 7:00 pm.

**Dust Play – Cross Currents Festival. PWYC.** Diaspora Dialogues presents Dust, a play by Jason Maghanoy. Factory Studio Theatre, 125 Bathurst St. Tickets and information: 416 504-9971 or [www.factorytheatre.ca](http://www.factorytheatre.ca). 8:00 pm.

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**The Monkey Cycle – Storytelling Event. PWYC.** Who is a monkey and who is not? Whatever you are; be welcome to the garden of Solomon and a journey through the life and passions of monkeys with Mats Rehnman. International Student Centre, Cumberland Room, International Student Centre 33 St. George St. (just north of College). Info: 416 656-2445 or [www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org](http://www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org). 2:00 - 3:30 pm

**Urban Food Talk. Free.** A discussion on Food Environments and Obesity - Neighbourhood or Nation? With speaker: Steven Cummins, School of Public Health, University of Michigan. University of Toronto, Room 163, University College, 15 King's College Circle (SE of Hoskin Ave & St George St). Info: 416 978-7223. 2:00 – 4:00 pm.



**Friday Movie Night. Free.** CINSSU closes its Friday Night Movie Night Series with the film, Capote directed by Bennett Miller and starring Philip Seymour Hoffman. Room 107, Innis College Town Hall, 2 Sussex Ave. Info: 416 978-7434. 7:00 pm.

**1,001 Friday Nights of Storytelling. PWYC.** The longest-running regular storytelling event in Canada, featuring visiting guests. Hosted by Laurie Malabar and Chris Cavanaugh. Walmer Road Baptist Church, 188 Lowther Ave. (1 block north of Bloor, and 1 block west of Spadina). Info: 416 656-2445 or [www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org](http://www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org). 8:00 - 10:30 pm.

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Harry's Spring Run off. Free.** Join in or cheer on the runners in this annual 8 km and 5 km run/walk through High Park. All proceeds support prostate cancer. Information and Registration: 416 944-2765 or [www.runningseries.com](http://www.runningseries.com). 10:00 am.

**Opera Atelier Exhibition and Talk. Free.** Designer Gerard Gauci will give a talk and guided tour of the exhibition, Setting the Stage: 20 Years of Design for Opera Atelier. Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. Info: 416 393-7158. Exhibition open (M –F) 10:00 am– 8:00 pm. (Sat) 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Talk and Tour 2:00 pm.

**Toronto Storytelling Festival 2006 Weekend. PWYC.** Toronto Storytelling Festival 2006 presents an afternoon of storytelling. Each hour features stories from around the world and based on particular themes from storms, women, men, families to traditional and familiar tales from cultures such as Malta, First Nations, Wales, as well as some original tales. The Walmer Centre and Walmer Road Baptist Church, 188 Lowther Ave. (1 block north of Bloor, and 1 block west of Spadina). Information and daily schedule: 416 656-2445 or [www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org](http://www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org). 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

### Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Toronto Storytelling Festival 2006 Weekend. Free.** The Toronto Storytelling Festival 2006 presents this day of storytelling. Each hour features stories based on a theme from stories of wolves, swans, scary campfire tales, to traditional cultural tales from Africa, First Nations, Denmark and Ireland. York Quay, Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queen's Quay West. Information and daily schedule: 416 656-2445 or [www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org](http://www.festival.storytellingtoronto.org). 12:30 – 5:15 pm.



**Percussion Ensemble Music Concert. Free.** World of Music presents Percussion Ensemble with Robin Engelman, director. Walter Hall, University of Toronto, 80 Queen's Park. Info: 416 978-3750. 7:30 pm.

### Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Riverdale Farm. Free.** Welcome Spring by visiting the baby pigs, sheep and goats and the other animals at the Farm. In the morning, enjoy fresh baked goods from the Farm Kitchen at Simpson House. Walk along the many paths on the Farm. Riverdale Farm, 210 Winchester Street (walk along Sumach, north of Gerrard). Info: 416 392-6794 or [www.toronto.ca/parks/riverdalefarm.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/parks/riverdalefarm.htm). Daily chores at 10:30 am. Open daily, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

**Japanese Drumming Concert. Free.** World of Music presents Japanese Drumming, Tabla and Vocal Ensembles. MacMillan Theatre, University of Toronto, 80 Queen's Park. Info: 416 978-3750. 7:30 pm.

### Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

**Sketch Comedy Lounge. PWYC.** Laurie Elliot hosts, featuring Bull Hooey! Performing Loopholes, Perfectly Green Grass, The Somethingorothers. The Rivoli, 332-334 Queen St. West. Info: 416-977-5082 or [www.sketchcomedylounge.com](http://www.sketchcomedylounge.com). 9:00 pm.

### Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Visions of Greece Movie. Free.** Afternoon at the Movies presents this travel film exploring the history, myths, art music and culture of Greece. Beaches Library, 2161 Queen St. East. Info: 416 393-7703. 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

### Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

**Dufferin Grove Farmer's Market. Free.** Visit this weekly market for organic vegetables, fruit, meats, baked goods and an eclectic mix of prepared and specialty foods. Dufferin Grove Rinkhouse, 875 Dufferin Street (North West corner of the Park off Dufferin). Info: 416 392-0913 or [www.dufferinpark.ca/market](http://www.dufferinpark.ca/market). 3:00 – 7:00 pm.



**Tap Dancing Demonstration. Free.** Steppin Out Thursdays presents a tap dancing demonstration and lesson with Alana Hock. Bata Shoe Museum, 327 Bloor St. West (at St. George). Info: 416 979-7799 Ext. 242. Free Admission 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Performance 6:00 pm.

**Yoga. Free.** Learn the gentle methods of Hatha Yoga. Bring a towel and wear comfortable clothes. Dance Studio, John Innes Community Centre, 150 Sherbourne St. Info: 416 392-6779. Spaces are limited. 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

**Holistic Health Talk. Free.** Basic Detox and Cleansing with nutritionist and health expert Jeanne Marie Martin. Carrot Common, 348 Danforth Avenue (enter by Book City). Info: 466-2129. 7:00 pm.

### Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

**ROM Friday Nights. Free.** Visit the current exhibition, Korea Around 1900: The Paintings of Gisan. Also see the new galleries displaying the museum's collections from China, Japan, Korea, First Peoples, Bronze Age Aegean, Ancient Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Ancient Rome, Islam and Medieval Europe. Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park. Info: 416 586-8000. 4:30 – 9:30 pm.



**Comedy on the Danforth. PWYC.** Improv Comedy by The Wrecking Crew. Timothy's World News Café, 320 Danforth Avenue (west of Chester Subway). Info: [www.comedyonthedanforth.com](http://www.comedyonthedanforth.com). 9:00 pm.

### Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Books as Toys Exhibition. Free.** Visit this display of pop up and moveable books from the Osborne Collection. Lillian Smith Library, 239 College St, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Info: 416 393-7753. Open Monday-Friday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

## Announcements

**The C/S Information Resource Centre and Community Resource Connections (CRCT)  
Is launching a new**

### **Wellness & Recovery Newsletter**

By now, you have probably received the new addition to the family. We hope that you enjoy it and find it a useful tool. Tell us what you think about the new Wellness and Recovery Newsletter and about the Bulletin. Please complete our Reader Survey by clicking on the link below or by using the hard copy of the survey found in the Wellness and Recovery Newsletter.

**We need your feedback to continue bringing you publications to serve your needs.**

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=302571938384>

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**Take heart, be a part of  
A Community Consultation to offer feedback  
for a Consumer/Survivor Conference in November 2006**

**Organized by The Leadership Project**

**Monday, April 10, 2006 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Queen Street Patient Rounds, Room 160 Empowerment Council Office  
Queen Street site, 1001 Queen Street West  
For more information: 416 535-8501 Ext. 3013**

*All Psychiatric Survivors and Consumers Welcome To Attend*

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**It's tax time!** and the C/S Info Centre's free income tax clinic for low income people is operating again. The guidelines set by Canada Customs and Revenue Agency are: single person: income under \$20,000; and with dependants: under \$25,000; no complicated returns: no self-employment income, no bankruptcies, no rental income, no capital gains. Please call the centre for an appointment with us, or for the address of a tax clinic nearer to where you live: 416 595-2882.

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### **The Secret Handshake**

**Is a Peer Support Network for those diagnosed with Schizophrenia.**

**Membership is growing...We are the only peer support group initiated by people with schizophrenia in Canada. We meet every Friday at 7:00 pm.**

**We teach our members how to manage their symptoms.**

**For more information contact Jay at 416 934-0660**

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## Recovery at Work: A Peer Support Workforce as Agent for Change

The Ontario Recovers Campaign is hosting a one-day conference/forum

with special guest, **Larry Fricks**,

A founder of the Georgia Certified Peer Specialist Program.

**Wednesday, May 24, 2006 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.**

Registration: \$70.00 Lunch included (Limited number of seats at \$20.00)

To register contact Brian McKinnon, [bmckinnon@iprimus.ca](mailto:bmckinnon@iprimus.ca)

Phone: 416 285-7996 Ext. 227

Fax: 416 285-5733

Make cheques payable to Alternatives, 2034 Danforth Ave., Toronto, ON M4C 1J6

For more information, contact Robert MacKay at 416 628-7500 or [RobertMacKay007@hotmail.com](mailto:RobertMacKay007@hotmail.com)

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**Mad Students Society (MSS)** is an organization run by and for students. **MSS** was created to provide peer support, advocacy and self-empowerment for students experiencing "mental health" issues in post-secondary institutions.

### Our Survey

One of the key goals of MSS is to address some of the systemic barriers students experience while in school. This can range from discrimination within the classroom to problems accessing accommodation supports for learning.

Please assist us in our desire to improve the quality of education for students by filling out this anonymous survey. Please note that this information will be kept confidential and individual surveys will not be shown to service providers in accessibility or accommodation services.

We would like to receive your feedback by **July 1st 2006**.

Once we compile your important feedback, we would like to use the information to raise awareness and improve services and resources for all students and faculty. For more information about this survey or MSS: [www.madstudents.groundwork.ca](http://www.madstudents.groundwork.ca) Email: <mailto:madstudentssociety@groundwork.ca>

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THE VOCATIONAL SERVICES COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND RESEARCH UNIT  
INVITE CAMH CLIENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS, STUDENTS AND STAFF TO AN  
INFORMATION SESSION TO LEARN ABOUT

## "CHANGES TO ODSP EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS"

KERRY ANN MARKLE,  
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS SYSTEM MANAGER,  
ODSP Employment Supports

APRIL 11TH, 2006 1:30 – 3:00 pm.

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health , 250 College St. Room G50

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## Volunteer Opportunities

**Spring is here.** There are many volunteer opportunities in the city for individuals who would like to work with the environment either planting, garden maintenance, composting, outdoor education or assisting in the running of environment based events and programs. It is a good way to meet others in the community and help our earth.

**The Toronto Parks and Recreation** offers many opportunities for volunteers interested in the environment, gardening and the community across the city. For more information: 416 392-1111 or [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca)

### **Children's Garden and Environmental Recreation Programs**

Volunteers can assist with public education by leading nature tours, assisting in nature exploration activities and crafts or assist in hands-on gardening activities like planting, maintenance and composting. Various sites and locations around the city. For more information: 416 392-1329 or [kidsgrow@toronto.ca](mailto:kidsgrow@toronto.ca)

### **High Park Volunteer Stewardship Program (VSP)**

Volunteers are needed to plant and maintain native wildflowers, shrubs and grasses. There are other activities that take place through the year such as our plant sales, social activities, meetings and administration, as well as the occasional field trip and slide show. For more information: [info@highpark.org](mailto:info@highpark.org)

### **North Toronto Green Community**

The North Toronto Green Community maintains gardens with heritage flowers, vegetables and native plants at three sites; the Eglinton Park Heritage Community Garden and Naturalisation Site, Champlain Place, and the Canadian Film Centre. Garden tours and garden workshops on organic gardening, heritage seeds, composting, trellis building, insects and various other topics are held throughout the summer for volunteers. Other opportunities to participate in environmental stewardship programs and special events.

For more information: 416 781-7663 or [info@ntgc.ca](mailto:info@ntgc.ca)

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## Volunteers are needed for Street Needs Assessment

### April 19, 2006

The purpose of the Street Needs Assessment is to survey people who are living on the streets or staying in shelters to gather detailed information about homelessness in Toronto.

### **Register On-line**

Volunteers are needed to work together to carry out the survey on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Training will be provided. Team leaders may still be needed. Call for information. Team leaders will be paid \$100.00 for the evening's work.

For more information call **416 397-4401**

e-mail: **streetneedsassessment@toronto.ca** or **www.toronto.ca/housing /sna**

## Job Postings

**The City of Toronto Social Services** is looking for part time **Social Services Caseworkers** at the Application Centre.

**Qualifications include:**

**Salary:** \$27.77 / hour

- Degree or Diploma in Social Services or other discipline combined with experience in social/community services and /or customer service
- Knowledge of community agencies and resources and computer skills
- Excellent telephone communication / Ability to communicate both orally and in writing with all staff, the public and clients while maintaining objectivity
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients, staff, community agencies and the public
- Ability to work independently in a dynamic, complex environment and ability to multi-task, and organize time and workload effectively
- Ability to compile information, perform calculations and prepare and interpret statistics
- Driver's License and second language (asset)

Interested applicants should submit resumes with cover letter by **April 5, 2006**

**Job Call File # X6-CSA9870**

Employment Services, Human Resources

City of Toronto, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, ON M5V 3C6

(Fax) 416 397-9818

**Contact [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca) for more information.**

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**Mental Health Court Support Workers/Case Managers - Permanent, Full Time**  
**Old City Hall/College Park** **Salary:** \$46,697.00 - \$51,389.00 plus benefits

**Qualifications:**

- At least 2 of the following: A degree/diploma in health or social services: direct personal experience of the mental health system: recent work experience with people with serious mental health problems
- Knowledge of Criminal Justice (a must)
- Committed to working in partnerships with clients/ Significant experience working with men, women and trans-gender persons with serious mental health issues
- Knowledge of issues related to mental health and familiarity to a wide variety of resources in Toronto
- A systemic analysis of the causes of the over representation of people with mental health issues in the Criminal Justice System/ Knowledge of mental health treatment, recovery and policy
- Experience working with traditional and non-traditional mental health services and other agencies/organizations that may support individuals with serious mental health issues
- Excellent and proven interpersonal skills/ Organization and administration and time management
- Energetic and creative/ Self directed and able to work with a team
- Experience with ethno-racial communities/ Second language (asset)

Send Resume by **April 7, 2006** to: Hiring Committee, Mental Health Court Support Services  
Community Resource Connections of Toronto,  
366 Adelaide St. East Ste. 230, Toronto, ON M5A 3X9

**For more information: [www.crct.org](http://www.crct.org)**

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## **Job Developer / Job Coach**

**Full time Position – 35 hours (contract)**

### **Assistant Cook/ Extended Training (ACET) Program Access Centre, George Brown College**

#### **Qualifications:**

- Social Services, Vocational or Career Counselling degree/diploma with experience in Job Development
- Experience working with people with employment barriers (in particular consumer survivors)
- Excellent English communication, both written and verbal
- Food Service Industry Contacts
- Networking / Interpersonal skills

Please send cover letter and resume by mail, fax or email to:

**George Brown College, Access Centre,  
200 King St. E., Room 534 E,  
Toronto, ON M5T 2T9**

Fax: **416 415-2432**

E-mail: **acet@georgebrownc.ca**

For more information: [www.georgebrownc.on.ca](http://www.georgebrownc.on.ca) or [www.charityvillage.ca](http://www.charityvillage.ca)

Closing Date: **April 14, 2006**

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## **Regeneration Housing and Support Services Inc.**

Since 1977, Regeneration Housing and Support Services, a not-for-profit registered charitable corporation that is primarily funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, has been providing affordable housing and support services for adults recovering from mental-health issues.

### **Executive Director**

This integral mandate is well suited to a collaborative professional with 10 or more years of progressive management experience in community mental health-based programs. In addition to directing and co-ordinating operations, you will take the lead in implementing programs and policies, and ensure that effective communication and information systems are maintained. Your background encompasses developing and managing innovative programs and services, working with a not-for-profit Board of Directors, and establishing and overseeing budgets. You bring a successful track record in fundraising within the not-for-profit sector, and a commitment to advocacy, anti-racism and anti-oppression. Your degree in Health or Social Sciences is complemented by solid knowledge of relevant legislation and current health-care reform plans.

Please send your resume by **April 10, 2006**: Executive Director Search Committee, Regeneration Housing and Support Services, 168 Bathurst Street, Suite 330, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 2R4.

Fax: **416 703-9648**.

E-mail: **contact@regenerationhouse.com**.

For more information: [www.regenerationhouse.com](http://www.regenerationhouse.com)

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