Youville Centre is a not-for-profit, community health centre located on Treaty One territory, in the heart of the Metis Nation, in Winnipeg, MB.

Youville sites provide a place where individuals and families can work on their health and wellbeing with health and social service professionals. Youville focuses on the strengths and gifts, as well as the needs of the community, striving for the most person-centered, effective and caring delivery of its services and programs.

Community Food Friend – Food Cent$ Program – Contract Position
Term – December 2021 to June 2022
Hours - 10 – 15 hours per week
Hourly Wage - $20 per hour

Youville Centre is looking to fill this role with a peer/community member with lived or living experience of food security challenges.

Summary of Position:
Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team in a contract capacity, the Community Food Friend will create a supportive, empowering, and welcoming environment for participants of the Food Cent$ program and their families/supports and will play an integral role in the delivery and support of Food Cent$ programming, service navigation and community connections.

Grounded in person-centered, and social justice practice and a commitment to compassionate, responsive and equitable approaches, the Community Food Friend plays a key role in increasing access to and quality services for individuals experiencing food security issues.

Key Responsibilities:

Engagement and Service Navigation
- Greet and engage participants involved in the Food Cent$ Program.
- Build positive and trusting relations with participants.
- Work in collaboration with other team members to facilitate and coordinate programming and seamless service delivery.
- Provide information over the phone and in person on community resources and services offered at Youville specifically regarding the Food Cent$ program.
- Provide mentorship to individuals (and their families/supports) specifically as it relates to grocery shopping, keeping a budget, and buying nutritional food, cooking and preparing nutritional food.
- Provide advocacy and system navigation to participants of the Food Cent$ program.

Administrative Support
- Maintaining all necessary documents and forms
- Compile letters and other communication as it relates to the program
- Support teams in follow-up with program participants
- Complete all data collection as it relates to the role, follow all documentation standards

Program/Service Facilitation:
- Assist with the planning and delivery, of programming including the facilitation of group activities
- Assist program staff in providing health education
- Assist with in-person workshops, training and other specific activities/events
• Assist with mentorship as it relates to the needs of clients attending the RX food Program (grocery shopping, navigating transportation systems, child care, cooking, preparing, nutritional food education opportunities, etc)
• Create and sustain positive relationships with Grocery stores and local food markets.

Qualifications:
• Completion of high school or combination of education and experience
• Experience in social services environment
• Demonstrated ability to build effective and “safe” relationships
• Knowledge of community resources and health and social services systems
• Demonstrated ability to work with diverse populations and those who are systematically oppressed.
• Excellent communication and problem-solving skills
• Demonstrated ability to work with individuals experiencing distress
• Demonstrated bilingualism is an asset (French and English or English and another language)

Interested candidates for this position should submit their resume via email before November 20, 2021 to: Human Resources at Youville Centre, admin@youville.ca

Youville is committed to employment equity and eliminating barriers to employment for people who are underrepresented in Canada’s workforce including Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, members of groups that commonly experience discrimination due to race, ancestry, colour, religion and/or spiritual beliefs, or place of origin; persons who identify as women and persons of marginalized sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. In pursuit of our values, we seek team members who will work respectfully and constructively with differences and across levels of power.

We thank you for your interest. Only those candidates selected for interview will be contacted.