



**Job Title: Community Services Worker – Food Security**

**Contract full time position (35 hours per week)**

**Contract Start date: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022; Contract End date: August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Reports to: Food Security Coordinator**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Background**

ACSA is a nonprofit, multi service agency addressing needs and empowering children, youth, newcomers, homeless, and otherwise underserved communities. Our core programs include housing and outreach programs, food security programs, newcomer services, youth outreach and therapy programs, child and family programs, early years' programs, computer access programs, and community engagement.

**Summary of Job Functions**

ACSA's Food Security department offers year-round programming to help increase access to good, healthy food for all. With community gardens, cooking programs, and nutritional education, ACSA takes a holistic approach to challenging food insecurity. The Community Service Worker will assist with programs and services that build community capacity surrounding nutrition, food production and environment to address the inequities in food access. The Community Service Worker will apply a community development/engagement framework to implement and evaluate initiatives that address food insecurity within Scarborough.

**Duties include:**

- Support and lead the implementation of the Chester Le Pollinator Garden, part of the City of Toronto's PollinateTO Community grants program
- Plan, supervise, and implement cooking/nutrition and gardening activities targeted towards the Chester Le, Glendower, and Bay Mills communities
- Engage seniors, adults, and youth in Food Security program activities by building relationships and communicating professionally and efficiently
- Provide relevant food access resources and materials including information about other community food-based initiatives and COVID-19 supports applicable towards resident interests
- Update and add to ACSA's Food Asset Map with relevant and updated food access resources
- Conduct and support regular garden maintenance and gardening/indoor growing workshops

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- Encourage leadership and involvement of residents, including community gardeners, through capacity building
- Perform community outreach and engagement as needed
- Lead and assist online/in-person workshops and educational sessions
- Complete administrative duties as directed including data implementation, creating content for social media accounts and website
- Record and develop media to be used for online workshops and social media
- Maintain regular communication with other CLCC teams, including Youth Workers and Youth Violence Prevention team, assisting in engagement pieces when necessary
- Participate in relevant working groups, committees and task forces addressing community food interests
- Perform other duties as directed

#### **Qualifications:**

- Youth between the ages of 15 and 30 years old
- Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, convention refugee or protected person AND legally entitled to work in Canada
- Knowledge of Scarborough community food resources, issues of relevance to newcomers, and low-income families and familiarity with diverse cultures an asset
- Passionate about sustainability, food issues, and reducing food insecurity
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively alone and in a team environment
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Gardening experience (professional, volunteer, or hobby-related) is an asset
- Cooking skills (professional, volunteer, or hobby-related) are an asset
- Experience working with senior, adult, or youth populations would be an asset
- Knowledge and familiarity with Chester Le, Glendower, and Bay Mills communities an asset
- A valid driver's licence and access to vehicle is an asset
- Access to a computer and internet when working remotely is an asset
- Second language an asset (preferably Arabic, Mandarin)
- Available to work occasional evenings and weekends
- Current police reference check is mandatory

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(Please quote **Community Services Worker Food Security** in the subject line of email)

No phone calls please.

ACSA is strongly committed to fostering diversity within our community. We welcome those who would contribute to the further diversification of our staff including, but not limited to, women, visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, and/or persons of any sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

We thank all applicants for their interest in the position. However, only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview.

If you are contacted by ACSA regarding a job opportunity and need accommodation throughout a hiring process, please contact Yelena Galochkina, HR Generalist at [gyelena@agincourtcommunityservices.com](mailto:gyelena@agincourtcommunityservices.com). **This address is for accommodation inquiries ONLY. Job applications sent to it will not be considered.**

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