Amethyst Women’s Addiction Centre provides services to women 18 years of age and older who have concerns about their substance use or gambling behaviour. Amethyst is an organization dedicated to improving women’s health in the Ottawa area. We operate as a modified collective based on shared responsibility and resources, using a consensus-based model.

The Substance Use Treatment Counsellor provides service in English to pregnant and/or parenting women (children ages 0-18 years old) with substance use issues from a trauma-informed approach. The counsellor participates in all aspects of the Treatment Program including individual and group counselling, workshop development and facilitation, and program development and evaluation.

Qualifications

- Education (degree or diploma) in health or social sciences related discipline
- 2 years counselling experience; counselling from feminist or anti-oppression frameworks and/or addictions counselling is an asset
- Knowledge of the complex intersections between addiction, trauma, and mental health; experience providing services around these intersections is an asset
- Registration (or capacity to register) with appropriate professional College or licensing body (e.g. OCSWSSW or CRPO) is required
- Experience in program development and evaluation
- Excellent individual and group counselling skills; familiarity with different psychotherapeutic approaches
- Ability to practice from a feminist perspective
- Ability to provide culturally competent service to clients of diverse backgrounds and identities
- Interest and willingness to work in a modified collective from a consensus-based model
- Excellent organizational, time management, and prioritizing skills
- Proficiency in basic computer programs (Microsoft Office, Microsoft Outlook, etc.)
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Highly self-motivated and accountable; able to work autonomously
• Relevant managerial experience (as related to both program and organizational levels) is an asset

Responsibilities

Direct Service
• Conducts detailed client assessments including a comprehensive and holistic analysis of each client's experience including their history of substance use, mental health concerns, and trauma
• Client advocacy with various systems including child welfare, family court, and criminal justice
• Provides referrals and liaises with other agencies, community workers, and professionals
• Participates in case conferencing both internally and externally as it relates to clients
• Individual and group (psychotherapeutic) counselling
• Facilitates psychoeducational workshops
• Guides and supports clients with recovery goals and plans, including mental health and trauma related issues and needs
• Ongoing evaluation of client needs and goals

Indirect Service
• Designs, implements, and evaluates educational materials that are compatible with Amethyst's treatment philosophy
• Shares responsibility for coordination, design, and evaluation of treatment programming
• Continues to engage in professional study related to new trends, approaches to service delivery, and available services in the community
• Provides and engages in peer supervision regarding clinical issues

Documentation
• Maintains up to date, accurate documentation related to clients such as assessments, process notes, and support letters

Evening work is required.
Compensation

▪ Hourly Rate: $26.00

Start Date: TBD

Applications will be accepted until the position has been filled.

Amethyst Women’s Addiction Centre subscribes to the principles of employment equity. We welcome applicants from diverse backgrounds, including those living in long-term recovery. Only those who have been selected for an interview will be notified. Please, no phone calls.

Please submit your CV and cover letter to:

ATTN: Gundel Lake, Personnel Committee
Amethyst Women’s Addiction Centre
488 Wilbrod Street
Ottawa, ON K1N 6M8

Or email to gundell@amethyst-ottawa.org with Substance Use Treatment Counsellor in the subject line.