

Do you want to make a difference through your work?

Do you believe that each member of a community deserves support, inclusion, empowerment, compassion, responsibility, respect and social justice?

At **Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)** in Port Alberni, we know that we make a difference in our community. Here are just some of those impacts:

<https://www.albernavalleynews.com/community/port-alberni-to-hold-lantern-walk-for-suicide-awareness/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CMHAPA/posts/3504088119607173>

CMHA Port Alberni is looking for a **Homeless Outreach Worker** to join our team. The hours of work are **full time**, 35 hours per week. This position will provide outreach and support services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Advocating for, and facilitating access to a wide range of community resources.

If you enjoy variety in your work, and want to make a difference in our community, this job may be just the right fit. See below for a full job description.

Founded in 1918, the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) is a national charity that helps maintain and improve mental health for all Canadians. As the nation-wide leader and champion for mental health, CMHA promotes the mental health of all and supports the resilience and recovery of people experiencing mental illness.

The Canadian Mental Health Association – Port Alberni Branch is dedicated to providing programs and services that foster individual growth and promote mental wellness, leading to the development of strong families and a healthy community.

At the Canadian Mental Health Association Port Alberni, we don't just accept difference, we celebrate it. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

**CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
PORT ALBERNI BRANCH**

- DATE POSTED:** March 10, 2025
- POSITION:** Housing/Homeless Outreach Worker
Full Time – 35 hours per week
Hours of Work: variable- Monday to Friday
Wage: starting at \$31.56/hour – **assumed wage increase imminent with new collective agreement**
- WORK AREA:** CMHA admin office, and the communities of Port Alberni, West Coast
- JOB DESCRIPTION:** Providing outreach and support services for individuals experiencing homelessness. Advocating for, and facilitating access to a wide range of community resources. Building and maintaining relationships with stakeholder groups. Crisis planning and intervention. Interacting with diverse groups. Completing statistics, reports, accounting, and database as per BC Housing procedures.
- QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**
- Preferred Bachelor's degree in Human Services, **or equivalent combination of education, training, and experience**
 - Two years of recent, front line experience working with vulnerable and/or homeless populations
 - Strong computer, bookkeeping, and data management skills
 - Able to work independently
 - Knowledge of relevant legislation
 - Physical ability to carry out the duties of the position, often outdoors
 - Able to establish and maintain respectful rapport with clients following CMHA Code of Ethics, Policies, & Mission
 - Knowledge of Port Alberni rental market and established relationships with landlords and stake-holders an asset
 - Crisis intervention and trauma informed care practise
 - Able to communicate effectively and professionally; verbal/ written
 - Proficient with modern communication devices, methods, and protocols
 - Ability to organize, prioritize and problem solve
 - Class 5 driver's license and a safe, properly maintained, presentable vehicle
 - Certificates in First Aid/CPR, naloxone training
- COMMENCEMENT DATE:** asap

PLEASE SUBMIT RESUME and COVER LETTER TO:

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