

American Sign Language/ProTactile Interpreter – Full time

Are you a passionate professional, looking for a rewarding career with meaning and satisfaction where you make a difference in the lives of others? Are you looking for on the job learning, professional development opportunities, inclusive and supportive work culture, competitive salary and benefits? Join our team of dedicated professionals at the Canadian Helen Keller Centre (CHKC) providing affordable housing, training and intervenor services and supports to adults who are deafblind.

Our mission at CHKC is to empower the deafblind community through consumer driven services and opportunities that maximize independence. We value feedback from consumers such as “the day I contacted CHKC for the first time was the best thing I ever did”, and continually strive to exceed expectations.

We are looking for an American Sign Language/ProTactile Interpreter– full time to join our team who embrace our values of advocacy, respect, collaboration, professionalism and community. In return, we are committed to train, coach and invest in your behavioural and technical skills. If you have a positive attitude, and professional demeanor, we are interested in discussing together the opportunity of a fulfilling career at CHKC.

Position Summary

Reporting to the Consumer Programs Manager, an American Sign Language (ASL)/ ProTactile (PT) Interpreter has the overall responsibility of providing interpreting support in 1:1 staff or team meetings and other agency initiatives. The ASL/PT Interpreter will also support the role of the Consumer Relations Coordinator (CRC) and other deafblind staff as required in various settings like staff meetings. You may also be required to collaborate or team with other interpreters on an as needed basis.

Position Responsibilities

- Provide ProTactile/tactile/English interpretation services and environmental feedback (EF) to support the role of the CRC whose main responsibility is to engage and support the deafblind community through in-person and virtual meetings, appointments and social visits.
- Delivers high quality ASL Interpreter Services to consumers during clubs, workshops or other activities as directed and scheduled by the Consumer Programs Manager while adhering to approved policies, procedures, and philosophy.
- Respects and safeguards the privacy of consumers’ home and personal information, and maintains confidentiality with respect to personal information, issues, and lifestyles of consumers and staff of CHKC.

- Collaborates with the Consumer Programs Coordinator, the Consumer Support Specialists and Intervenor Services Team when needed.
- Supports deafblind staff members in all staff meetings, departmental meetings etc.
- Debrief with staff, co-workers, contract employees at the conclusion of events.

Qualifications and skill requirements

- Competent knowledge of tactile sign language and working knowledge of ProTactile language is required.
- The candidate should be a member of The Canadian Association of Sign Language Interpreters.
- A 3-year community college diploma (English ASL Interpreter Diploma) with two year' experience working with Deaf/hard of hearing/deafblind persons.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Deafblind and deaf culture.
- Knowledge of the 7 core principals of ProTactile communication an asset.
- A high level of facilitation skills between hearing and Deaf/hard of hearing/deafblind persons.
- An understanding of, and commitment to, confidentiality.
- A flexible availability, including a willingness to work days, evenings, and weekends and split shifts, as necessary.
- Flexible and adaptable to new situations; ability to react to short notices and anticipate change.
- Ability to work in an environment where a diversity of people and situations are encountered.

Agency Perks

- Flexible work schedule
- Competitive compensation package
- Comprehensive Group benefit plan
- RRSP matching program
- Vacation eligibility increases based on years of service
- Professional Development and Training opportunities

Qualifications and skill requirements

Annual Salary - \$65000 based on 35 hours per week

How to Apply

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Application Deadline: Nov 30, 2023

CHKC is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage applicants from all protected classes to apply. CHKC values diversity, equity, inclusion and compassion in the workplace.

We thank all applicants, however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. Please advise prior to the interview if you require accommodation and we will make appropriate arrangements.

Website: <https://www.chkc.org>

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