



Canadian Mental  
Health Association  
Lambton Kent  
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**Social Worker – Rapid Assessment Intervention Treatment Team**  
**1 Permanent Full-time**  
**Chatham Site**

At CMHA, our vision is to have mentally healthy people in a healthy society. As a leader and champion for mental health, CMHA Lambton Kent provides services and facilitates access to the resources people require to maintain and improve mental health. Our efforts promote community integration, build resilience, and support recovery from mental illness.

This position is responsible for providing responsive and comprehensive psychosocial assessments for individuals referred to the Rapid Assessment and Intervention Team (RAIT). The incumbent will gather collateral information from primary care providers, family or caregivers and, in coordination with the multidisciplinary team, assist in the development of recommendations and treatment planning. Brief services will be offered to individuals who require supports, within areas that have been identified through assessment.

Reporting to the Integrated Manager of Specialized Services, the incumbent will be responsible for the following functions:

- providing comprehensive psychosocial assessments;
- liaising with, and collecting collateral information from, primary health care practitioners, family, caregivers and other support providers;
- collaborating with the multidisciplinary team for treatment planning;
- providing a rapid response to urgent situations that arise;
- providing intervention and short-term support to individuals experiencing a psychiatric crisis (via telephone or by personal contact);
- screening and assessing for appropriateness for service;
- assisting individuals in prioritizing needs/areas of consideration and to develop short-term plans to address these priorities, including referring and linking individuals to needed supports and services.

**Qualifications:**

- post-secondary degree in Social Work from an accredited university with current registration with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers;
- experience and detailed knowledge of serious mental illnesses, addictions, and other mental health related conditions, usually gained with a minimum of 2 to 3 years of experience in working with this population; and
- a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to a vehicle.

**Skills required:**

- Must have a broad knowledge of bio-psychosocial rehabilitation
- Crisis or Suicide Intervention training is an asset
- Must have strong assessment skills
- Must have extensive knowledge of serious mental illness and trends in the provision of support services to adults with serious mental illness



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- Extensive knowledge of the Mental Health Act, as well as relevant legislation specific to individuals with a serious mental illness
- Planning and organization skills to facilitate advocacy and support coordination/service access.
- Extensive knowledge of the support/treatment services network in Lambton County and of regional services commonly accessed by the program
- Extremely well developed written and verbal communication skills
- Working knowledge of computers with skill in the use of email and Microsoft Office
- Proficiency in both official languages will be considered an asset

**Hours of Work:** 35 hours/week. Flexible hours with a potential to work occasional Saturdays are required to meet the position requirements.

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience within the range: \$51,567-\$73,396, inclusive of HOOPP

Applicants should submit a covering letter and resume by **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020** to:

**Vicky Fox**

Canadian Mental Health Association  
Lambton Kent Branch  
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**Please quote: Job Posting #27-2020**

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