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# **Professional Summary**

With 8 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, I have held various positions in the social service sector. I have excelled in various roles in emergency shelters, supported accommodations and harm reduction. I am committed to meeting goals and soling problems through attention to detail and organization. Having completed Design Lab's UX Academy, I am now looking to transition into a career in UX and UI design.

#### **Key Skills**

Communication • Problem Solving • Figma Visual Design ● User Research ● Prototyping Information Architecture

### **Education and Training**

UX Academy | Design Lab August 2023

UX Foundations | Design Lab June 2022

Bachelor of Social Work | Toronto Metropolitan University | Toronto, Canada June 2017

# **Professional Experience**

#### Overnight Shelter Worker | Inn From the Cold

July 2023- November 2023

- Supporting clients accessing emergency shelter through meal service, conflict resolution and connecting people to resources.
- Ensuring health and safety regulations are followed and reports are filed appropriately.

#### Health Promotion Harm Reduction Worker | Fred Victor OnPoint SCS

April 2022- June 2023

- Worked in a high traffic supervised consumption site supporting a diverse community through harm reduction practices and overdose response.
- Responsible for ensuring client safety through overdose response and prevention, conflict resolution and crisis intervention.
- Responsible for administrative duties such as daily reporting, incident reports and appropriately recording referrals for statistical recording.

## Intake Worker | Maxwell Meighen Centre | Toronto, Canada

Nov 2021- April 2022

- Worked in a 236 bed men's shelter, responsible for the intake of new guests, building checks and ensuring COVID-19 guidelines.
- Documented shift incidents in daily shift change, and ensured SMIS (shelter management database) was updated and accurate.

## Senior Support Worker | Single Homeless Project | London UK

Apr 2021- Oct 2021

- Responsible for overseeing and keyworking two supported accommodations with a diverse client group of low to high support needs.
- Developed specific support and move on plans for each resident to ensure support needs are met and appropriate permanent accommodation is found.
- Responsible for doing health and safety checks throughout both accommodations and reporting accurately and in detail.

# Lead Support Worker | Single Homeless Project | London UK

Jun 2020 - Mar 2021

- Worked with 14 high needs clients in a temporary accommodation setting commissioned by the local authority.
- Responsible for co-ordinating with health care professionals, social services and other external professionals to ensure client support needs are met.

#### Support Worker | Glass Door Homeless Charity | London UK • Worked with both Glass Door staff and volunteers to ensure guests were supported and safe in the

Nov 2019- Apr 2020

- overnight shelter, through serving hot meals and providing sleeping arrangements for the night. • Addressed guests' concerns in a professional manner, and resolved conflicts with a positive attitude.
- Ensured the overall safety and wellbeing of guests throughout the nights staying at the shelter.

# Respite Shift Supervisor | St. Felix Centre | Toronto, Canada

Sept 2016- Aug 2019

- Direct supervisor for 8 support staff and 100 guests accessing the respite
- Responsibilities include appropriate reporting to the City of Toronto, ensuring safety checks are done throughout the building, as well as working with staff to maintain overall cleanliness.
- Responsible for responding to mental health crisis', opioid overdoses and administering appropriate first aid when needed.
- Responsible for accurately reporting client and respite information to the city of Toronto as well as detailed incident reporting.
- Responsible for maintaining safety of both support staff and guests through de-escalating

conflicts, crisis intervention and working with guests to meet their physical and emotional needs.

# Support Worker | Egale Youth OUTreach | Toronto, Canada

May 2017- March 2019

- Had two roles as Drop In Support Worker in a Drop in Centre and as a Day Treatment Classroom Support Worker in a High School.
- Supported youth in a drop in setting, including, peer support, advocacy, and conflict
- addressing their mental health goals through providing tools and skills for a diverse group of

• Co-facilitated a Dialectical Behaviour Therapy Skills group with a clinical counsellor, supporting youth in

- Worked as a support worker in a day treatment classroom for high school
- Responsible for assisting students with various mental health needs achieve both their academic and personal goals throughout the school year.
- Planned and facilitated daily treatment period aimed at therapeutically supporting students' needs and goals.