

Metro Non-Profit Housing Association will have some positions available through a JCP to work on the project described below.

The Out of the Cold Emergency Winter Shelter (OCS) is a community-based, volunteer-run winter shelter in its second year of operation. Our primary goal is to provide safe accommodation to the homeless throughout the cold winter months (November 22, 2009 to April 30, 2010). The purpose of the shelter is to provide an alternative shelter environment with a higher staff/shelter user ratio. The shelter will serve up to 15 people each night who cannot readily access the existing shelter system due to mental health issues, barring from other shelters, and the increasing capacity issues experienced at other shelters. The shelter is located in Halifax and serves people from communities across the Halifax Regional Municipality. We anticipate a start date of November 22, 2009 and an end date of April 30, 2010.

Grounded in a community-based participatory model of development, this shelter is a local response to the devastation of homelessness and poverty. A dedicated group of community members and organizations have banded together to harness the support of many people willing to volunteer their time and resources to providing an alternative shelter.

Volunteers and staff will be supported by professional staff from partnering agencies and will be required to complete five training modules including:

Shelter Operation Orientation

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention

Suicide Intervention Awareness

Street Health

Shifts will run from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am and midnight to 8:00 am

For more information please call 466-8714.