



Position Opening: COMMUNITY SUPPORT HOME

Providing a *positive and supportive* home environment for youth who are attending a day treatment program.

What is a Support Home?

- A support home provides a temporary, safe living arrangement for clients attending an eight to twelve week day treatment program at the Calgary Eating Disorder Clinic
- A support home provides an environment conducive to treatment (a home free of diet products, fashion magazines, and scales)
- A support home supports clients in their recovery from their eating disorder
- A support home provides a positive environment, routine, and support to the client in treatment
- A support home provides a home Monday to Friday and provides weekend support when necessary (Aspen can arrange respite on the weekend)

What do I need to become a Support Home?

- A valid Criminal Record and Child Intervention Check
- Current First Aid and Suicide Intervention Training (provided by Aspen)
- A vehicle to transport clients to the Alberta Children's Hospital for 8:00 am and pick them up by 7:00 pm daily (Monday to Thursday) and 4:30 pm on Fridays (if required)

Who will be staying in the Support Home?

- Clients who are actively attending a day treatment program at the Eating Disorder Program
- Clients who are **not** violent or abusive

What are some of the many BENEFITS of becoming a Support Home?

- Apply learning's and gain practical experience working with clients
- Access to a Support Worker 24-hours a day, includes daily contact, support meetings, special events, bi-monthly meetings, weekend support (if necessary)
- All relevant training for Support Homes in regards to the population they are working with
- Providing a safe, positive and supportive home environment for client

Please call Lindsey Thurston, Support Home Liaison, at 403-955-7417 or email her at lthurston@aspenfamily.org if you have any questions or would like to apply. Thank you.