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The Peer Work Network is proud to present



Indigenous Health Outreach and Indigenous Crisis Response Team

in Indigenous Health at VCH

Thursday, Nov 21st - 3 to 4:30 pm on Zoom

Contact peerworknetwork@vch.ca for the zoom link

Melissa Cameron, Team Lead, Indigenous Health Outreach (IHO) and Doris Prest, Team Lead, Indigenous Crisis Response Team (ICRT), will be talking about the services and supports delivered by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH)'s only Indigenous-specific outreach and crisis response teams.

Indigenous Health Outreach (IHO) leads with cultural safety in an Indigenous Relational and strengths-based approach to care, IHO supports unhoused or precariously housed people in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) community in Vancouver with complex mental health and/or substance use challenges and connects them to cultural supports and health services, including existing MSHU programs and primary care services. IHO includes an Outreach Doula service which provides perinatal outreach care, and outreach services specific to Indigenous youth. IHO is an outreach service and the team travels to a person's location.

Indigenous Crisis Response Team (ICRT) provides wholistic non-police crisis response services for people ages 17 and older in Vancouver. Leading with cultural safety, ICRT provides same day mobile mental health and wellness crisis response services for people who may be experiencing or nearing a mental health crisis and who may or may not actively use substances. ICRT is an outreach service and the team travels to a person's location. It is not an emergency service and is not for people who are actively putting their own lives, or the physical safety of others, at risk.

A Consumer Involvement and Initiatives forum for all BC peer workers; including peer support workers, peer facilitators, peer navigators and CIF project leads.



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