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## **Toronto Violence Against Women and Interpreter and Intervener Congregate Care Settings Infection Prevention and Control Champion**

Housed at: North York Women's Shelter

*North York Women's Shelter (NYWS) actively supports the rights of women and children to build lives free of violence by providing non-judgmental safe shelter, advocacy, and a range of programs & services including 24-hour crisis support. Our vision is to create a community characterized by gender equality where women and their children feel empowered and safe, and all services are provided according to the NYWS's Trauma-Informed Key Principles.*

The Toronto **VAW & IPAC Champion** for NYWS will be a common resource for the local identified sites within Toronto and will act as a conduit between the Ontario Health Table (OHT) system for information sharing, just-in-time advice, guidance, building capacity, creating educational opportunities, and providing access to IPAC expertise and direct support on IPAC practices for both prevention and response.

As the Toronto VAW & IPAC Champion you will be responsible to provide education, expertise, and act as a facilitator to reduce the risk of infection and minimize infection transmission with our partners. The Toronto VAW & IPAC Champion will facilitate and provide consultation, surveillance, education, research and evaluation of infection prevention and control processes and procedures to the regional partners and programs through partnerships, community-based research and knowledge transfer and exchange (KTE). The VAW IPAC Champion will act as an excellent resource in infection prevention and control and health promotion, and will actively collaborate with regional IPAC colleagues and others external to the regional OHT mandate.

Working collaboratively within the larger OHT system, the IPAC Champion will effectively engage the 14 VAW shelters as well as the Canadian Hellen Keller Centre to anticipate and address community, staff and resident concerns regarding IPAC measures, COVID prevention, outbreak management and vaccine hesitancy. As a qualified candidate you possess education Public Health, Community Development, Health Administration, Nursing, Health and Safety, Infection Prevention and Control or related field. You are deeply accountable to anti-racism and anti-oppression in all of your work and to the social determinants of health. You have a solid understanding of gender-based violence service delivery, dynamics of congregate care settings and significant knowledge of IPAC principles. You are a champion for access, equity and justice and a self-directed and persuasive advocate able to work with multiple stakeholders while communicating complex scientific and social issues simply and credibly and to broad audiences.

For additional information, or to apply for this outstanding opportunity, please submit your application and related materials to **Pamela Colquhoun** [pcolquhoun@boyden.com](mailto:pcolquhoun@boyden.com) or **Sharon Iadipaolo** [siadipaolo@boyden.com](mailto:siadipaolo@boyden.com).

Please advise if you require accommodation at any stage of the recruitment process.