

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Transitions is seeking partnerships with housing services, healthcare services and legal professionals who can provide safe, accessible, and non-stigmatizing assistance to our program participants. We are seeking partners who can provide structural and resource support in the following areas:

### 1 Housing

- Safe, non-stigmatizing and accessible housing
- Subsidized housing
- Housing programs offering environmental-structured supports:
  - Bad-date reports
  - Access to condoms and other harm reduction supplies
  - Safe and appropriate guest and visitor policies
  - Surveillance cameras
  - Support from staff or police in removing violent clients

### 2 Healthcare

- Prompt access to detox and treatment centres
- Appropriate mental health care
- Outreach care such as community health care centres, drop-ins

### 3 Legal Assistance

- Legal advice: including criminal law, family law, residential tenancy and human rights
- Summary and procedural advice
- Advocacy

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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# TRANSITIONS

FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS



## WHAT IS TRANSITIONS?

Transitions is a program that works with **sex workers 19+** years of age who wish to transition into safer sex work, and/or reduce their reliance on, transition out of, retire from or exit sex work altogether. The program helps people of **all genders** and backgrounds to acquire and maintain mainstream employment. Transitions is based on extensive research into established models of the transitioning process, to provide the best possible support to participants making this major life change.

**TRANSITIONS IS SEEKING COMMUNITY-MINDED PARTNER SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS WHO SHARE OUR VALUES OF RESPECT, INCLUSION AND SELF-DETERMINATION.**

## WHO ORGANIZES TRANSITIONS?

Transitions is run by five local organizations that form The Metro Vancouver Consortium (Consortium). With extensive experience in providing services to sex workers, the Consortium has come together to develop and implement a transitioning and exiting program which is responsive to the needs of sex workers in this community. These organizations are:

- Aboriginal Front Door Society (AFDS)
- Battered Women's Support Services (BWSS)
- Health Initiative for Men (HIM)
- PACE Society (PACE)
- WISH Drop-In Centre Society (WISH)

## WHO DO WE SUPPORT?

The Consortium works with sex workers of all genders, indoor and outdoor sex workers, Indigenous women, migrant and immigrant indoor workers, and survivors of violence and sexual exploitation.



## WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

Transitions has a wide range of objectives, but there are two long-term goals that the program aims to achieve:

- 1 To provide participants with sustained involvement and support in independent, mainstream employment; and
- 2 To have participants report feeling safe, healthy and independent



## KEY INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES

We offer five multi-faceted levels of support while participants are engaged in the program. Key activities occur within the structure of one-on-one support and facilitated peer/group sessions held at each Consortium organization.

### 1 Individualized Support

- Ongoing case management and one-on-one support
- Wrap-around support through referrals to relevant service providers

### 2 Employment Support

- Pre-employment and supported employment skills workshops
- Referrals to municipal or provincial employment services

### 3 Pro-Social/Cultural Support

- Facilitated peer/group sessions
- Recreational, arts, and cultural activities

### 4 Educational Support

- Referrals to external education and/or training institutions & services
- Life skills and money management workshops

### 5 Aftercare

- An individualized aftercare plan
- Invitations to monthly meetings with peers to share support
- An outreach schedule with ongoing check-ins