

**FAMILY SERVICES of the NORTH SHORE
Job Posting**

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| Position: | Counsellor– Community Counselling (Family Preservation) |
| Position #: | 17-1160 |
| Reports to: | Program Manager / Clinical Supervisor – Community Counselling |
| Location: | North Vancouver office and Community |
| Closing: | June 26, 2017 |

The Agency:

Family Services of the North Shore is an accredited, not-for-profit, community based organization which provides counselling, education and support to those living or working in North & West Vancouver, Bowen Island and Lion's Bay. Family Services of the North Shore also provides province-wide programming in the prevention of eating disorders.

The Program:

The Family Preservation Program provides intensive counselling to MCFD mandated clients with child protection concerns who have lost custody or may be in danger of losing custody of their children. Services are provided in the clients' homes and in the community.

The Job:

This is a full-time 1.0 FTE position on our Family Preservation team.

Working with the Ministry, you will determine counselling goals and objectives for the various family members and work with them individually or in groups as appropriate. You will provide initial and on-going assessments as well as work with client families regarding issues of family boundaries, improving parental capacity, improving child behaviors, healing emotional pain, developing problem-solving skills, building resilience, handling separation and loss, resolving guilt and anger, building family and community support networks, etc. You will attend to legal and ethical issues as they may arise and ensure that appropriate action is taken.

This position requires some flexibility in work hours and a capacity to respond to a diversity of client needs. Hours of service must be flexible to accommodate the schedules of families and will include after-school and evening hours. This position also requires the use of a personal automobile and cell phone.

The Candidate:

The successful candidate will have a graduate degree in Counselling Psychology or Social Work or a related field with a minimum of 2 years of experience working in a community setting or a bachelor's degree in social work or other human service field and at least 3 years of post-degree experience working in a community setting.

Experience working with families who are impacted by relationship violence, substance misuse, mental health issues, and poverty is essential. Current registration with an accredited professional organization is also required as well as an understanding of how the therapeutic relationship is impacted by diversity issues. Experience facilitating groups would also be an asset.

Language proficiency in Farsi, Korean, Mandarin or Cantonese is considered a significant asset as would experience working with First Nations people.

Please respond, in confidence, to:

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While we thank all applicants for their interest, only short-listed candidates will be contacted.