

FAMILY SERVICES of the NORTH SHORE

Contract Position – 7 hours per week

Position: Aboriginal Community Liaison & Parent Educator
Position #: 17-1166
Reports to: Manager, I hope programs
Location: I hope locations (Maplewood & Lonsdale Quay)
Closing: October 22, 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 Takaya First Nations Family program is a free learning program for Tsleil-Waututh, Squamish and other First Nations families with children from birth to six years old. Families enjoy Learning Together Through Play (LTTP), song and story time, a healthy lunch and Maplewood Farm visits. Adult time (with child minding) in the afternoons includes crafts, parent education, and group discussions.

The program runs on Tuesdays from 10:30 am - 3:30pm at the Maplewood location of the I hope family centre. The additional two hours are for outreach and will be flexible to meet the needs of the program and your own personal schedule. Additional causal hours as parent facilitator within our drop-in program may be possible, based on interest and availability.

The Job:

You are the face of the Takaya First Nations Family Program in the community. You will be responsible for recruiting Aboriginal families to participate in the program. You will plan and coordinate weekly activities; co-facilitate the adult support and parent/child component of the program; plan, shop for and prepare lunch and snacks for participants; and support positive professional relationships with parents, caregivers and their children who use the Family Resource program.

The Candidate:

You have a certificate in ECE, FRP or parent education combined with a minimum of one year of experience working in a Family Resource Program, Aboriginal Friendship Centre or Mothering Program. You also have a current First Aid certificate, a driver's license and access to a vehicle.

You have experience working with Aboriginal families, preferably from the Tsleil-Waututh and/or Squamish Nations. You have knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal / First Nations history and culture and articulation of relationship / reconciliation within a Canadian context. You have experience co-facilitating groups and have a demonstrated understanding of group dynamics. You have good communication skills and are able to utilize social media as an outreach tool.

Preference will be given to those with Aboriginal ancestry. Please self-disclose in your application.

Please respond, in confidence, with resume and cover letter to:

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