



JOB POSTING SUPPORT COUNSELLOR – PART-TIME MATERNITY COVER

Background:

Sonshine Community Services has been providing social services from a Christian perspective to the Calgary community since 1978.

Sonshine Community Services currently operates four main programs; a second stage one year residential program with six month follow-up for abused women and children escaping domestic violence, a Community Counseling program, a Family Day Home agency. In June 2015 we opened a therapeutic Children's Centre to meet the needs of children who have experienced domestic violence and other forms of trauma.

Motivated by our Christian faith, our mission is to help women and children transform their lives. Our vision is a community where women and children live safely in healthy families.

Sonshine seeks a highly motivated, self-directed and talented individual to fill the role of Supportive Counselor.

General Description of Position

This is a one year maternity cover, part-time position (17.5 hr/wk), reporting to the Director of Residential & Community Services. The Support Counsellor's position is to implement the programs at Sonshine Centre, including provision of counseling and support to the women at Sonshine Centre. The Supportive Counselor will provide follow-up with clients exiting the residential component of the program. This position requires an individual with strong counseling, interpersonal skills, initiative and personal management skills.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- Maintain regular contact with clients and client files
- Provide crisis and supportive counselling to clients of Sonshine Centre on a regular basis
- Participate in regular team meetings and case conferencing
- Resolve interpersonal conflicts to comply with program requirements in residence
- Ensure house rules and case plan contracts are followed
- Respond to crisis calls and make referrals as required
- Network and coordinate case plan with other professionals within and outside of agency as appropriate
- Develop and facilitate workshops, psycho-educational groups and other program components as needed
- Provide referral and advocacy on behalf of clients as needed
- Develop, implement, monitor and evaluate a residency and post-residency case plan with Sonshine Centre clients
- Teach living skills to clients when appropriate
- Attend court with clients when needed
- Provide follow-up support with clients in the community for 6 months post residency

- Help clients organize for move back into community
- Compile and maintain ongoing statistical information on clientele for reporting, entering information into database, and completing monthly reports
- Provide coverage of emergency cell phone and security desk breaks
- Network with agencies in the community and attend appropriate community meetings such as interagency meetings

Qualifications and Skills:

- Experience working with domestic violence and trauma
- Experience in facilitating groups
- CPR and 1st Aid
- Suicide prevention training
- Valid driver's license and reliable vehicle

Educational Qualification and Experience:

- Masters of Social Work, Bachelor of Social Work, Masters of Counselling, Bachelor of Counselling, Social Work Diploma or equivalent degree dependent on experience
- 2-3 years experience in counseling (preferable in the field of domestic violence)
- Knowledge and skills in crisis management and supportive counseling

Please submit resume and cover letter to:

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This posting will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Sonshine Community Services is an equal opportunity Employer.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.