



## **JOB POSTING: CHILDREN'S SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT WORKER**

**The mission of Sonshine Community Services:** "Motivated by our Christian faith, our mission is to help women and children transform their lives." We envision a community where women and children live safely in healthy families. The organization offers a comprehensive benefits package and supports training courses to enhance career development.

### **PURPOSE OF THE POSITION**

The Child Support Worker will be working in an innovative, therapeutic child care program/licensed and accredited daycare for both typically developing children and children who have experienced family violence and/or trauma. The successful candidate will be working together with a team of child support workers and the program supervisor in a professional, child-focused and trauma-informed program that meet the needs of typically developing children and children impacted by toxic stress and trauma.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Attachment-based and trauma-informed engagement with children aged 19 months to 6 years
- Modeling appropriate communication, problem-solving, social, emotional and self-regulation skills
- Observation and Individual record keeping of children regarding behaviour, development, activities, needs, abilities, progress and interests
- Provide care, supervision, guidance, and support to children
- Engage in emergent, play-based and child-focused program planning including creation and coordination of activities with children
- Setting up activity centres and areas for planned activities
- Attend and participate in all staff meetings
- Attend and participate in professional development opportunities

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS**

- Minimum of CDS (level 3) \*Will consider CDW (level 2) based upon experience, knowledge, and skills
- Knowledge of Alberta Health Services and Alberta Government Licensing regulations
- Understanding of the effects of family violence/impact of trauma on children is an asset
- Knowledge of Trauma Informed Care is an asset
- Knowledge of Theraplay® an asset
- Knowledge of child development/ages and stages
- Experience working with children ages 19 months to 6 years; knowledge in the developmental needs of children and the impact that toxic stress may have on development
- Effective program planning and observation skills
- Able to work well independently and as part of a team
- Leadership skills and experience in leadership roles is an asset
- Strong organizational, time management and problem-solving skills



- Must have a positive attitude, be amiable and a team player
- Highly self-initiated and creative
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
- Flexibility and a willingness to learn
- Ability to maintain confidentiality, particularly around sensitive issues and situations impacting clients.

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Certified as Child Development Supervisor (Level 3) or Child Development Worker (Level 2)
- Current CPR and First Aid
- Current criminal record check including vulnerable sector search and Child Intervention check (within the last 3 months) \*or willing/able to obtain immediately
- The following are considerations: personal suitability, leadership skills, effective interpersonal communication and relationship building skills, flexibility, client focus, and strengths-based approach, dependability, judgment and demonstrated ethics in practice.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESUME AND COVER LETTER NO LATER THAN **NOVEMBER 24, 2017**:

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