



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

Since 1978, Sonshine Community Services has been providing care and support to families and individuals in need. Sonshine Community Services operates four main programs; the first Children's Centre of its kind in Canada which caters specifically to children who have been traumatized by domestic violence as well as other forms of emotional trauma, a second stage (one year stay) residential program for abused women and children escaping domestic violence, a Community Counseling program and a Family Day Home agency. With more than 35 years' experience, Sonshine Community Services has emerged as a leading social service provider for women and children fleeing family violence in Calgary and area. Throughout Sonshine's growth, the organization's consistent and primary focus remains on the women and children in its care. Staff and volunteers are very committed and passionate about Sonshine's work and the successful outcomes of its programs which clients have experienced.

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:

The Child Support Worker will be working in a second stage shelter for women and children who have been impacted by family violence and/or trauma. The successful candidate will be working together with child support team, residential counsellors, family support workers, director of children's services and the lead child support worker 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 interaction with children aged newborn to 13 years
- Supporting and modeling appropriate interpersonal communication, problem-solving, social, emotional and self-regulation skills
- Individual record keeping of children regarding behaviour, development, activities, needs, abilities, and interests
- Provide care, supervision, guidance, and support to children
- Engage in emergent and child-focused program planning including creation and coordination of activities with children
- Setting up activity centres and areas for planned activities
- Work and plan in partnership with parents
- Attend staff meetings

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

- Understanding of the effects of family violence /impact of trauma on children
- Knowledge of Trauma-Informed Care



- Experience working with children of all ages; knowledge in the developmental needs of children and the impact that toxic stress may have on development
- Able to work well independently and as part of a team
- 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.
- Effective program planning and observation skills
- Leadership skills and experience in leadership roles is an asset

REQUIREMENTS:

- A diploma or degree in Child and Youth Studies, Social Work or related field
- Certified as Child Development Supervisor, Child Development Worker or Child Development Assistant
- Knowledge of Theraplay® an asset
- Knowledge of child development/ages and stages
- Current CPR and Standard First Aid
- Current police intervention check including vulnerable sector search and Child Intervention check (within the last 6 months)
- The following are considerations: personal suitability, leadership skills, effective interpersonal communication and relationship building skills, flexibility, client focus, and strength-based approach, dependability, judgment and demonstrated ethics in practice.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESUME AND COVER LETTER NO LATER THAN **FEBRUARY 23, 2018:**

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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.