



JOB POSTING: PART-TIME RESIDENTIAL FAMILY 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; a second stage residential program (one year stay and six month follow-up) for abused women and children escaping domestic violence, a Community Counseling program, 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, and a Family Day Home agency. With 40 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 Part-time Family Support Worker will be working in the second stage residential shelter for women and children who have escaped domestic violence and been impacted by family violence and/or trauma. The successful candidate will be working together with the Team Lead, Residential Counsellors, Family Support Workers, the Intensive Case Manager, the child support team, and the Director of Residential and Community Services in a professional, trauma-informed program that meets the needs of women and children impacted by toxic stress and trauma.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide counsel and support to women residing at Sonshine, including orientation to the programs and services
- Collaborate and communicate progress and needs of residential participants with Support Counsellors, Intensive Case Manager, Child and Youth counsellor and Parent Child Educator to ensure seamless service delivery.
- Carry out interactions and interventions with women and children as designated
- Assist in positive parenting initiatives, i.e. Triple P
- Assist women in accessing and obtaining resources
- Assist families and individuals with problem solving, parenting skills, child development needs, budgeting, advocacy, completing needed paper work, court support and other life skills
- Assist with life skills groups, therapeutic experiential and other supportive group activities for clients
- Establish and maintain appropriate documentation as required



- Complete and submit statistical records monthly.
- Create and distribute a monthly newsletter to residents, keep bulletin boards and client resource library current.
- Keep abreast of changes with resources in the community and update clients and staff
- Establish, maintain and liaise with a network of support services, service providers and agencies that may assist families further
- Assist in the administration and coordination of community donations
- Attend individual supervision, team meetings, staff meetings, retreat and trainings as required
- Adhere to agency policies, procedures, practices and Code of Ethics
- Demonstrate professional attitudes, characteristics and practices
- Participate in the development of a healthy and safe working environment
- Promote Sonshine Community Services' image by acting as an ambassador of the agency
- Maintain on-going professional development
- Participate in annual performance reviews

REQUIREMENTS:

- A diploma or degree Social Work or related field
- Strong Communication, file management, and assessment skills
- Police Check and Child Intervention Record Check required (completed within last 6 months)
- Aboriginal Awareness, Suicide Intervention, and Cultural Sensitivity training
- Current CPR and First Aid certification
- Knowledge of the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics, Attachment Theory, strength-based and client-centered approaches an asset
- Minimum two years' experience working directly with women, children, youth, and families
- Valid driver's license and reliable vehicle
- 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 **JULY 11, 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.