



JOB POSTING:
RESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR
****(TERM POSITION – UP TO 6 MONTHS)****

SONSHINE COMMUNITY SERVICES MISSION STATEMENT:

“Motivated by our Christian faith, our mission is to help women and children transform their lives.”

Sonshine Community Services is a charitable organization bringing hope and healing to families in need for more than 40 years. We envision a community where women and children live safely in healthy families.

We are a multi-services organization:

- Community Counselling is offered free of charge to community members.
- Sonshine Family Day Homes provide home based, affordable quality childcare.
- The Sonshine Centre is a one-year residential shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence and abuse.
- Sonshine Children’s Centre is the first licensed and accredited full-time children’s centre of its kind in Canada. It meets the unique needs of children who have experienced domestic violence or other forms of emotional trauma and provides them with the specialized and therapeutic support they need to grow into healthy and happy youth.

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:

This is a term-certain position (up to 6 months) to implement the programs at Sonshine Centre, including provision of counselling and support to the women at Sonshine Centre. This position requires an individual with strong counseling, interpersonal skills, initiative and personal management skills.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Regular contact with residential clients for scheduled counseling & support.
- Participate in regular team meetings and case conferencing.
- Network and coordinate case plan with other professionals within and outside of agency as appropriate.
- Inform Residential Team Lead of clientele progress and case management.
- Advise Residential staff of potential risks to client, staff or volunteer safety.
- Be available for initial contact with emergency services called to Sonshine Centre.
- Be willing to provide back-up support, as well as lunch coverage for reception when needed.
- Make referrals as required to provide support to residential clients between counseling appointments.
- Assessing client needs and making recommendations to Centre staff team.
- Respond to all calls, crisis, and inquiries and make referrals as required.
- Work closely with Intensive Case Manager, Child and Youth Counsellor as well as Parent Child Educator to provide the necessary support for clients.
- Attend regular supervision meetings with the Residential Team Lead

Counselling

- Provide regular weekly counseling to clients in Sonshine Centre.
- Provide crisis and supportive counseling to clients.



- Provide referral and advocacy on behalf of clients as needed.

Administration

- Maintain client files.
- Compile statistical information on clientele, entering in Outcome Tracker Program.
- Maintain ongoing statistical information for reporting.

Planning and Organizing

- Develop, implement, monitor, and evaluate a case plan with clients.
- Support case management.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

- Minimum of a Bachelor of Social Work or related field
- Two years' experience in counseling (preferably in the field of domestic violence)
- Knowledge and skills in crisis management and supportive counseling
- CPR and First Aid
- Suicide prevention training

REQUIREMENTS:

- References from 3 previous work employers
- Police and child welfare security clearance

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESUME AND COVER LETTER NO LATER THAN **APRIL 5, 2021.**

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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.