



JOB POSTING:
PARENT-CHILD EDUCATOR
(FULL-TIME: 5 DAYS/35 HOURS PER WEEK)

SONSHINE COMMUNITY SERVICES MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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- The Sonshine Centre is a residential shelter serving women and children fleeing family violence and abuse. The Centre is an integral part of Calgary's collaborative response to domestic violence, housing women with and without children who are at a high risk for serious injury or fatality.
- The Children's Centre is the first licensed 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.
- Sonshine Community Counselling exists to support individuals to build health within families and relationships. We offer ethical, client-centered and trustworthy counselling to community members, with the intent of removing barriers to access to professional counselling.
- Sonshine Family Day Homes provides home-based childcare throughout the city of Calgary. Our home-based programs are inclusive, regulated, safe and caring.

We are seeking a dynamic individual to fill the position of Parent-Child Educator. The person who will fill this role is passionate about families, self-motivated, strength-based, organized and a creative thinker. You enjoy a combination of team and independent work and have the ability to build and maintain healthy relationships. You are a highly organized individual with effective interpersonal communication skills.

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:

This is a full-time position to provide support to children, youth and families. The Children's Services Parent-Child Educator will be working with children and their families who have experienced family violence and/or live with trauma. The successful candidate will be using the Marschak Interaction Model (MIM) to develop a Theraplay® program for each family unit to enhance attachment, structure and self-regulation within the parent/child dyad. The Parent-Child Educator will facilitate Theraplay® sessions with children in the Children's Centre and Residential Children's program in addition to leading program staff in the integration of Theraplay® activities into daily practice.

The position is full-time, working 35 hours per week, Monday-Friday. This position qualifies for health benefits and the salary will be commensurate with experience



DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- MIM administration, analysis and application as a guide for treatment/intervention planning
- Administer and evaluate various pre and post assessments (both child and family)
- Implementation of parent demonstration and feedback sessions
- Developing individual Theraplay® programs for each family and program
- Directing the Theraplay® sessions for parents and children and in the children's programs
- Completing all assessments and information gathering required by the position
- Completing all the tracking tools, case notes and data tracking required by this position
- Deliver Group Theraplay® to the children in both the Children's Centre and Residential Children's Program
- Complete Family and Child Support/Program Plans
- Work in partnership with counsellors, child support workers and family support workers

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

- Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in Social Work, Psychology, Counselling, Child and Youth Care, or related field required.
- Level One Theraplay® and Marschak Interaction Method (MIM) certification from The Theraplay Institute an asset.
- 3+ years of experience in a related field.
- Introductory Group Theraplay® an asset.
- Experience working with family violence, trauma, addictions, and mental illness.
- Previous non-profit organization experience considered an asset.
- In depth knowledge regarding childhood trauma and toxic stress and intervention methods needed to diminish the impact of this trauma on development.
- Affinity for working with children and families.
- Knowledge about Adverse Childhood Experiences – ACEs.
- Ability to adapt and be flexible in a dynamic environment.
- Exceptional problem-solving skills, effective interpersonal skills and relationship building skills.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate respectfully at all levels.
- Critical & reflective thinker as well as an active listener.
- Effective interpersonal and relationship building skills.
- Effective time and task management and organizational skills.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality, particularly around sensitive issues and situations impacting clients.
- Computer literacy, including effective working skills of MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint required.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Current Police Information Check including vulnerable sector search and current Child Intervention Record Check (completed within the last 6 months)
- Current First Aid and CPR
- Must be able to provide 2 professional references
- Ability to work one evening (until 8:00pm) per week if required



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO THE EMAIL BELOW.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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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.