

CHILD DEVELOPMENT COUNSELLOR

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The Child Development Counsellor works in the YW Calgary Mindful Moments program as an integral member of the delivery team. The Program is preventative in nature and works with children aged 8-12 and their families who have been or are at risk of being impacted by trauma, specifically domestic violence.

This is an outreach position with working hours mainly in the community. The counsellor will work closely with young children and families to facilitate evidence-based groups and individual supports, community capacity building, community referrals, and educational activities related to healthy childhood development.

WHAT MOVES YOU

- Your passion for working with diverse populations, families and children
- Strong organizational skills with a keen eye to detail.
- Ability to be assertive, remain calm under pressure and be respectful in all interactions.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Provide referrals to internal and external programs for long-term intervention, support and community engagement.
- Increase social inclusion through the introduction of skill behaviour to clients
- Support capacity building and facilitate educational activities for families.
- Collaborate with community agencies on families' needs and advocate as needed.
- Complete relevant Pre and Post scales and other data collections tools as required.
- Connect and check in with each family participating to build relationships and provide individualized support.
- Plan and deliver evidence-based and culturally appropriate programs for families and clients.
- Assist with development, implementation, or early learning programs that reflects the various needs of children.
- Responds to requests for program information.
- Work with the team to share responsibilities of planning and facilitation of events
- ***This position works majorly in the community so some evening and weekend work hours will be required as well as a valid driver's license and vehicle.***

WHAT YOU'VE DONE

- Bachelor of Child and Youth Studies, Social Work, Psychology, or equivalent Human Services related degree.
- Demonstrated Experience in coaching, problem solving skills etc.
- Current CPR/ First Aid Certification.
- Knowledge of early childhood development and strengths, and barriers related to parenting.
- Solid knowledge of family violence, trauma, family dynamics, access issues and family supports.
- Specialist skills in working with families who have experienced domestic violence.
- Exemplary understanding of child development (specifically brain development).
- Experience working with individual, group, children and families that experienced or are at risk of experiencing trauma.
- Strong computer literacy in MS Office, Zoom, and learn new software quickly and effectively.
- Competence in English language for completion of case notes and other documentation.
- Registration with appropriate regulatory body.

As a condition of employment, YW Calgary requires the successful candidate to be fully vaccinated. Where the candidate has not obtained the vaccine, the candidate will be considered on an exceptional case-by-case basis; YW Calgary will adhere with its obligations under the Alberta Human Rights Act.

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Competition Number: **2022005**

Deadline: **January 28, 2022**

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