



VANCOUVER NATIVE HEALTH SOCIETY

JOB POSTING FAMILY AND INTERVENTION CONSELLOR

The Vancouver Native Health Society's Aboriginal Child & Family Support Services Program has an opening for a full-time Family and Intervention Counsellor to provide services to Aboriginal women and children traumatized by violence. This position will report to the Program Manager. The candidate will be responsible for carrying a caseload of up to 20 women and children at any one time; provide traditional healing circles and work closely with the Family Violence Program. The Family Violence Program works with Aboriginal families and children exposed to, or affected by family violence.

Position Summary:

Components of Family and Intervention Counsellor Position include, but are not limited to:

- Support to parents and children living with, or affected by family violence.
- Family systemic approach to treating family violence.
- Counselling using evidence based approach, including cultural approaches.
- Safety planning, including providing victims with referrals for services.
- Liaison with professionals and outreach to isolated parents.

Responsibilities:

- Meet with clients to determine their needs.
- Evaluate client progress in resolving identified problems and movement towards defined objectives
- Connect families to appropriate internal and external resources
- Maintain accurate program and client records, ensuring confidentiality of all information.
- Prepare promotional information to promote community awareness of program services.
- Prepare written reports and other documents as required, including monthly stats.
- Participate as part of the management team of the Aboriginal Child and Family Support Services Program.

Qualifications:

Successful applicants must have:

- Counselling certificate, diploma or degree in Family Counselling and/or Alcohol and Drugs from an accredited college or university or similar degree in a related field or equivalent work experience.
- Minimum of 3 years related counseling experience working with Aboriginal families.
- Thorough knowledge and experience in areas of trauma and family violence.
- Knowledge of Aboriginal community resources and other community support services in the area.
- Demonstrated practical experience in exercising independent judgment and initiative.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Strong human relations and inter-personal communication skills
- Working knowledge of Aboriginal families and culture.
- Act as a role model for healthy lifestyle choices and demonstrate respect for people of all ages

Successful applicants should have:

- Ability to work independently.
- Computer literacy.
- Caring and sensitive approach to others.
- Knowledge of traditional healing methods.
- Personal wellness plan.
- Able to maintain strong personal boundaries.
- Excellent time management skills and ability to prioritize

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Send a resume and cover letter to:

hra@vnhs.info

Attention: Program Manager

Aboriginal Child & Family Support Services

Deadline: When position is filled.

Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.