



VANCOUVER ABORIGINAL CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES SOCIETY

Our Children, Our Future, Our Responsibility

Guardianship Child and Youth Therapeutic Support Clinician

At VACFSS, we ensure that the rights, safety, well-being and spirit of Aboriginal children and families are upheld, honored and protected. We strive to eliminate oppression, discrimination and marginalization within our community. We acknowledge and honor the inherent wisdom, capacity and resourcefulness of our community in designing programs and services to care for our own children and families. Accordingly, we are dedicated to planning, developing, and implementing creative and innovative Aboriginal programs and services in collaboration with members of our community and other agencies.

Job Title:	Guardianship Child and Youth Therapeutic Support Clinician	Employment:	Part-time 21 hours weekly (.6 FTE) Term to March 31, 2021
Location:	3284 East Broadway, Vancouver	Salary:	\$29.20 – \$38.53 Hourly
Hours:	8:30 – 4:30 Monday to Friday	Posted Date:	November 20, 2018
		Closing Date:	Open Until Filled

PURPOSE OF POSITION

The Guardianship Child and Youth Therapeutic Support Clinician position is responsible for providing therapeutic support to children and youth in care who are experiencing significant trauma, loss and isolation in the care system. This position is responsible for outreach to children and youth identified as increasingly at risk due to trauma, grief and loss, for bridging connections to VACFSS programs and supports, and to supporting children and youth to engage in pro-social activities and groups in order to begin a healing journey while in the care system. The Clinician reports to the Guardianship Manager, and receives clinical supervision from a Clinical Supervisor in the Family Preservation Program.

KEY DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Engaging with identified children and youth in care to form trusting therapeutic relationships from a trauma informed practice lens. Working with children and youth to debrief and address immediate trauma and build supports to greater community, culture and agency. Includes skills in building therapeutic relationships with difficult to engage with children and youth.
- Working with children and youth to engage in cultural supports offered within the larger agency or community in order to build belonging, resiliency and a greater community support network including the CIRCLE program, CRUW, YAC and community supports.
- Develop and implement children/youth groups that engage in pro-social healthy lifestyle with a view to bridging connections to healthy lifestyle, coping with trauma strategies, and to a greater community of support. Support VACFSS's initiatives around the Opioid crisis, and support children who may have experienced the loss of parent or sibling to the opioid crisis.
- Maintains and develops positive relationships with relevant community partners in relation to Aboriginal child and youth engagement and participation in community-based initiatives. May include representing VACFSS on community based committees and initiatives.
- Prepares formal and informal reports on the status of child and youth engagement across the organization to the Guardianship Manager on a regular basis. This may include proposal writing or grant applications as it relates to the expansion and development of engagement strategies. This may also include reporting out to stakeholders, board of directors and the agency.



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QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

- A minimum of 4 years of experience in youth engagement, preferably working with Aboriginal children and youth.
- Masters of Counselling and a member of BCACC as a Registered Clinical Counsellor (RCC).
- Knowledge of computer applications and standard office equipment to generate, access, and disseminate information.
- C3 delegation (to be provided)
- Class 5 BC Driver's Licence and a reliable vehicle

Preferred

- Class 4 BC Driver's Licence

Benefits:

- **Medical, extended health, and dental**
- **Group life**
- **100% employer-paid premiums**
- **3 weeks of vacation**
- **Eligible for the Excluded flex program after passing probation**
- **Membership in the Public Service Pension Plan**

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Interested applicants may apply at www.vacfss.com or by using the following link: [Apply Online](#).

We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Preference may be given to Indigenous candidates as per Section 41 of the Human Rights Code.