



## **VANCOUVER NATIVE HEALTH SOCIETY**

### **Aboriginal Child & Family Support Worker**

#### **Job Summary**

Aboriginal Child & Family Support Services is seeking a full time Family Support Worker. The Aboriginal Child & Family Support Worker Program is a family-centred program and works in partnership with parents and/or caregivers to provide support and intervention to families with children. Although the services are directed towards the child, the Family Support Worker provides a variety of support services to the family, which may include peer support, advocacy, parenting skill development, life skills training, and linking the family in the community-based activities/services.

#### **Qualifications**

- A recognized diploma in the human services fields with a minimum of two years work experience or the equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Minimum 2 years' work experience with Indigenous people.

#### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

- Working knowledge of Aboriginal cultural, issues and support services.
- Well-developed assessment skills, supportive counselling and solid advocacy skills.
- Demonstrated ability to teach life skills, including home management, budgeting and time management
- Demonstrated punctuality, adaptability, discretion and confidentiality
- Knowledge of Nobody's Perfect Parenting skills including fathering children and behaviour management would be an asset.
- Ability to foster strong relationships with families and community professionals.
- Working knowledge of local early childhood development/support resources.
- Knowledge of related practices, principles and theories in the areas of child welfare, community social service and a strong understanding of Aboriginal issues.
- Strong interpersonal skills. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Good organization, time and general management skills
- Knowledge of group process and facilitation techniques
- An ability to work as part of an effective team with other program staff, committee members, community members and other community professionals.
- Ability to function independently while managing concurrent tasks and deadlines, often under pressure
- Knowledge of the Child, Family and Community Services Act, related legislation/policies, provincial and other government systems would be an asset for this position.
- Computer skills, including Microsoft Word, and Outlook.
- This position requires travel, home visits and is expected to juggle a heavy caseload. Work outside of regular office hours may be required.
- Valid BC driver's license and access to a safe, reliable vehicle, an asset

#### **Position and Wage:**

Full-time position

Wage commensurate with experience.

#### **Contact Information:**

Please email your current resume with cover letter to:

Aboriginal Child & Family Support Services

Attn: HR- FSW

Email: [hra@vnhs.info](mailto:hra@vnhs.info)

Email Subject Line: Family Support Worker

Documents must be attached in PDF format. Resumes without a cover letter will not be considered.

**No phone calls please**

**Application deadline: when position is filled.**

**We encourage all qualified people to apply. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.**