

Aboriginal Child Youth Mental Health Clinician

Job No: 108439

Location: Gitlaxt'aamiks, BC (within close proximity to Terrace)

- **Use your counselling experience to make a difference to the children of Nisga'a Nation in beautiful BC!**
- **Enjoy a highly competitive salary plus great employee benefits, including up to 38 days off!**
- **Relocation assistance available for the right candidate.**

About the Organization

The Nisga'a Lisims Government (NLG) building opened its doors in 2000, and has since been responsible for a vital set of functions carried out under various departments including Finance, Programs & Services, Fisheries & Wildlife, and Lands & Resources, all which contribute to the development of the surrounding area. NLG's directives are governed under Nisga'a laws as well as federal and provincial laws.

About the Location

Located on BC's rugged northwest coast, 100 to 150km north of Terrace, Nisga'a Lands are blessed with soaring mountains, dramatic lava beds, picturesque fjords, and thriving rivers and streams. The natural beauty of Nisga'a Lands are also complemented by the Nisga'a Nation's rich cultural traditions. For visitors and residents, there is a wide variety of activities to enjoy, including fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, ATVing, and much more!

Gitlaxt'aamiks (also known as New Aiyansh), is considered the "capital of the Nisga'a Nation" and is one of the four Nisga'a villages located in the beautiful Nass Valley which include Gitwinksihlkw, Laxgalts'ap and Gingolx.

About the Opportunity

NLG is currently seeking an **Aboriginal Child Youth Mental Health Clinician** to join their team and be based in Gitlaxt'aamiks in beautiful British Columbia. You will also work with and travel between the other three Nisga'a communities of Gitwinksihlkw, Laxgalts'ap and Gingolx.

This is an ideal opportunity for someone with First Nations and child counselling experience, who is passionate about making a difference to the lives of others.

As part of the child protection team, you will work with children of all ages. Such issues may include mental health, trauma, and/or family dysfunction for which you will also develop and implement a range of therapeutic treatments including expressive play and art therapy. You will also be supported by a clinical supervisor.

This is a challenging, dynamic and rewarding role that will see you:

- Interview clients to obtain pertinent information, including social history, treatments, etc;
- Observe clients to detect indications of abnormal physical or mental behavior;
- Review the results of tests given by psychologists to evaluate individual needs;
- Plan and administer therapeutic treatments, including behavior modifications and stress management therapy;
- Maintain regular contact with other agencies/professionals regarding client progress and resource opportunities in the therapeutic treatment program;
- Consult with psychologists/psychiatrists and other specialists regarding treatment plans and make amendments, as required;
- Refer residents to other services to supplement treatment and counseling;
- Conduct group therapy and/or individual therapy sessions;
- Complete and maintain all individual and group counseling notes and documentation;
- Complete all court reports in a timely manner;
- Develop and implement appropriate discharge planning;
- Develop and maintain positive relationships with internal and external community members, families, clients and other employees; and
- Maintain a high level of professionalism inside and outside of work hours.

To succeed in this role, the successful candidates must have superior communication, analytical and reasoning abilities, as well as:

- **A Masters Degree in Social Work (MSW), Counselling, Psychology or equivalent;**
- **At least 5 years of experience in a counselling role, with 2-3 years of experience working directly with children of all ages;**

- A strong knowledge of aboriginal frameworks
- Registration with an appropriate regulatory body (e.g. R.S.W.) with appropriate liability insurance; and
- A valid Driver's License and access to a reliable vehicle with appropriate liability insurance.

This role is best suited to an outside of the box thinker who can take traditional therapy methods and apply them to aboriginal frameworks and cultures to ensure that each child receives the best care possible.

Preference may be given to candidates with demonstrated ability in the field of family counselling and who are eligible for clinical membership with APA or CPA (American or Canadian Psychology Associations).

If you are passionate about helping others and aspire to make a real difference to First Nation communities, this is the ideal opportunity for you! Please read on to see what a career with NLG can offer you.

About the Benefits

Upon joining NLG, you will be welcomed into an inclusive, supportive and dedicated team of professionals. The successful candidates can expect to receive a **highly competitive salary** that is commensurate with your experience, skills, and qualifications. All NLG team members also receive access to a wide range of employee benefits, including:

- **Up to 38 days off (20 vacation + 18 elective leave);**
- **Extended medical and dental benefits;**
- **Short and long-term disability;**
- **Group life insurance;**
- **Group pension plan;**
- **Employee & family assistance program (EFAP) - confidential counseling services to assist employees;**
- **Opportunities for personal and professional training and development; and**
- **Relocation assistance negotiable.**

At NLG, we work hard to ensure we maintain our status as a local employer of choice. We greatly value the contributions all of our team members and we actively foster a team-based environment that encourages open communication, transparency, and respect.

By joining the NLG team, you can have a rewarding and exciting career that offers great opportunities for professional progression. Best of all, all of your hard work and dedication will serve the good of our Nation.

If you're are a passionate and personable team player who is looking for a unique opportunity that is guaranteed to provide you with challenge and satisfaction - [Apply Today!](#)