



REACH CHILD AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

Job Title **Primary Counsellor/Social Worker**

Job Summary: Providing clinical counseling and consultative social work services to children with developmental disabilities and their families.

Reports To: Associate Executive Director

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Counselling and therapy services for families with children with developmental disabilities who are experiencing or at risk for mental health problems.
- Assessing a client's needs, abilities or behavior using a variety of methods, including psychometric tests, interviews and direct observation of behavior.
- Working as part of a multidisciplinary team alongside other Reach programs.
- Devising and monitoring appropriate treatment programs, including therapy, counselling or advice.
- Offering therapy and treatments for difficulties relating to mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, addiction, social and interpersonal problems, and challenging behavior.
- Provides support and information to children, families, staff and community health professionals regarding applicable community resources and ways to access these resources. Liaises with social agencies and community resources and makes referrals to provide ongoing support to children and families.
- Maintains client records by documenting client assessments, charting client information, preparing progress notes and reports in accordance with established standards, policies and procedures.
- Determine training needs for staff and arrange or deliver training as per opportunity within the program budget.
- Purchase and develop mental health resources for families and staff within the program budget.

Qualifications:

Education, Training and Experience:

- Must have a Masters Degree in Counselling, Social Work.
- Current registration with the British Columbia College of Social Workers or the British Columbia Association of Clinical Counsellors.
- Must have training, experience and supervised practice in providing counselling to children and youth.
- The ideal candidate would have at least 3-5 years of experience working with families and children with developmental disabilities.
- Must have proof of current criminal record check.

Job Skills and Abilities:

- Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team
- Well-developed planning and organization skills
- Ability to provide effective feedback and training in a variety of settings
- Administration and budgeting skills an asset.

Additional Information:

Some evening and weekend work may be required. A cell phone and clear criminal record search are required.

Application:

Please send a resume and cover letter to recruit@reachchild.org