

Job Description
Child and Youth Worker
Youth in Transition, Special Services to Children, Youth Outreach

Summary:

The Child and Youth Workers uses their skills and experience to support the children and youth of the Coast who are having difficulties coping as a result of social, emotional, physical, or mental developmental delays in various programs. Services provided include a goal based program for behaviour management, social and life skills training, either on a one-to-one basis or in a group environment. The Child and Youth Worker reports to the Lead, Youth & Special Services.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ensures a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for children and youth providing age appropriate activities with adaptations as needed.
- Promotes behavioural change and personal growth of children.
- Assesses the needs of children and their family.
- Supports the child to achieve their established goals using a strength based approach.
- Organizes recreational activities such as swimming, cooking and hiking.
- Designs, implements and evaluates interventions to assist the child.
- Works within the child's immediate neighbourhood or community to utilize local resources.
- Initiates activity groups, related to the specific needs and goals of the child.
- Participates in case conference as required.
- Maintains awareness of community resources and limitations as well as the socio-economic and geographical make-up of the community.
- Consults with social workers, other professionals, and family when appropriate.
- Adheres to SCCSS policies and procedures and meets all legal, contractual, financial and other compliance requirements such as CARF.
- Participates and contributes to regular staff meetings.
- Represents SCCSS in a positive and professional manner.
- Supports the mission, vision and values of SCCSS.

Qualifications:

- Post-secondary education in a related field or the equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Good understanding of and experience working with children and youth with physical or mental developmental delays.
- Flexible schedule to accommodate appointments after school, in the evenings, and on weekends.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate with clients according to varying developmental levels.
- Knowledge of multi-cultural issues, Aboriginal families, family systems and culturally appropriate practices.
- Excellent organizational and communication skills.

- Emergency Child Care First Aid.
- Successful result of Criminal Record check.
- Valid driver's license and reliable vehicle is required to attend events and programs across the Coast.

Working Conditions

This position works in a variety of environments including executing programs at multiple locations across the coast. This position required working Friday evenings.

Physical Requirements

- Manoeuvring wheelchairs pushing and or pulling
- Activities such as, but not limited to, swimming, cooking and hiking
- Significant lifting, carrying, stooping, kneeling, crouching, and/or crawling