



Kermode Friendship Society

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Position Title

Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health (ACYMH) Support Worker

Reports To

Kermode Friendship Society ACYMH Program Coordinator

Summary

The Kermode Friendship Society offers culturally sensitive, quality programs and services to the Aboriginal community members and the community at large in the Terrace and Kitimat area. Under the general direction of the Kermode Friendship Society Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health Program Coordinator, the Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health Worker will provide outreach, education, advocacy and support to families affiliated with the Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health Program at Kermode Friendship Society.

The Support Worker will provide services mostly out-of-office. This is a broad, flexible, support role that requires collaboration with other service providers and caregivers, such as Cultural Advisors, family physicians, hospital personnel, child protection staff, school district staff, band social workers, community health representatives, nursing station personnel, and others. Support Workers will

Job Duties

- Report to the Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health Program Manager as their direct supervisor.
- Provide direct services through group work (child/parent/family) in the areas of cultural connectivity, self-esteem, parenting, stress management, problem solving, conflict resolution, effective communication, and social skills enhancement, overall mental health and wellness;
- Provide assertive case management services for adolescents who have or are at risk of developing mental health issues;
- Encourage and engage individuals in healing practices that pertain to their perspective culture. Incorporate traditional healing practices of all nations when working within a multi-nation group setting.
- Participate and partner with other service providers in the planning and delivery of prevention, early intervention, and risk reduction programs.
- Provide liaison, consultative and educational service to other service providers on behalf of Aboriginal clients and their families;
- Assist Aboriginal families to navigate the existing health and social service network of care by linking Aboriginal children, youth, families and communities to the appropriate services in their area;
- Provide information to the community about Aboriginal child and youth mental health services as well as mental health issues;



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- Link with the Contractor's Clinicians in a case identification or therapeutic follow-up service;
 - Complete all documentation requested by the Program Manager accurately and in a timely manner;
 - Attend all professional development training opportunities as requested by management.
 - Assist in planning and participate in annual Kermode Friendship Society activities such as International FASD day, Aboriginal Day, National Addictions Awareness Week, and the Kermode Friendship Society Christmas Dinner.
 - Food Safe certificate
 - First Aid certificate.
 - Other duties as required.

Requirements

- Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or Child and Youth care with two or more years' experience delivering prevention, early intervention and/or risk reduction programs preferable to Aboriginal children, families and/or communities.
- 1-2 years of direct related experience in working in the youth mental health field is beneficial
- Knowledge of FASD and its impacts is an asset.
- Food safe Certificate
- Valid Class 5 Drivers license, Business Insurance and clear Drivers abstract
- Demonstrated knowledge of working with marginalized people and their families.
- Sign a code of confidentiality agreement
- Sign an Employees oath for Professional Conduct

Working Conditions

- Able to lift up to fourteen kg.
- Climbing stairs, and getting in and out of vehicles
- Transporting youth to and from appointments, and appointments.
- Must be capable of responding to emergencies and/or dangerous situations quickly and safely.
- Desk work including making phone calls, typing, and doing computer data entry.
- Hours of work may vary which could include evenings and weekends.

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