

Reporting to the Program Manager or their designate, the Child and Youth Care Counsellor will be working in a group or one to one setting with children, aged 3 to 19, who have a behavioural, cognitive, physical and/or developmental disability. The position consists of regular interactions with the client, assessing, creating, implementing, facilitating, and evaluating strategies from designated goals, by working on skills involving areas such as behavioural strategies, social skills, communication, community involvement, and life skills training. The program for the most part is community based. They will have regular interaction with clients and their families as well as the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to provide regular progress updates. Afternoon and evening work required.

HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with the clients/families on implementing and facilitating strategies, mainly in the community in a one-to-one or group setting.
- Working with groups/one to one, providing recreational, educational and social learning opportunities to children within the community. Being interactive and engaged with clients. Allowing opportunities for clients to socialize with peers but always being attentive and aware of dynamics of the interaction.
- Assess needs and develop individualized strategies from identified goals to meet the needs of your clients.
- Evaluate the client's progress by written reports and daily journal notes, reporting back to MCFD, and in accordance with Accreditation standards.
- Work within a team setting and participate in the organization of special events, activities, outings and summer programming.
- Liaise with other CYCC's, assistant program managers, program manager, social workers, parents, agencies, and other professionals, advocating and advising on strategies that have proven success towards the client's goals.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience The candidate must have:

- B.A. degree in a related field and/or a combination of relevant training and experience working with children aged 3 19. Candidates with less education will be considered.
- Possess a Class 4 driver's license and a clean driver's abstract.
- Access to a reliable vehicle for business purposes.
- Valid Level I First Aid certificate.

Knowledge Skills and Abilities:

- Well developed interpersonal, counseling, oral and written communication skills, especially with regard to reporting.
- Love of working with children.
- Adaptable, creative and flexible.
- Good organizational, time management and general management skills.
- Knowledge of group processes and facilitation techniques.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in working as part of a staff team, contributing to a positive group environment.
- Demonstrated ability to develop program related reference and resource materials.
- Commitment to a problem solving approach.
- Ability to work independently, set priorities, manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines.
- Ability to identify sensitive issues and maintain confidentiality.
- Have use of a reliable vehicle and possess a class 4 license. Exceptions may be made if doctor's note states unable to attain class 4 due to medical reason.

Successful candidates will be required to provide a current and satisfactory Criminal Reference Check/Vulnerable Sector Search preceding your start date.

Applicants with lived experience are strongly encouraged to apply.

CLOSING DATE:	Resumes will be reviewed starting July 27, 2021 but the posting will remain
	open until filled and will close without notice.

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Please include a cover letter indicating the posting number **[#21866]** and detailed resume outlining your qualifications and related experience for the position.