

Position: Life Skills/Family Support Worker

Term Full-time Position (one year)

Child & Family Services Department; North Vancouver, BC

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The Life Skills/Family Support Worker position is a front line position for the case management files. The Life Skills worker acts as a cultural and personal support person for families at risk and to surrogate families. The position teaches life skills to, and supports families at a grass roots level in ways ranging from driving clients to appointments to providing cultural resources such as an elder to contact and attending court appearances. The position assists the Ayas Men Men Case Management team by conducting interviews and offering recommendations with respect to investigations, residential care placements and family care plans. While this position does not require a Bachelors of Social Work degree, it does function independently and frequently under pressure. It requires an individual who can teach life skills and who is a strong mediator with high cultural and personal influence to help in emotionally charged situations. It is employed in both North Vancouver and Upper Squamish. The person must have good organizational skills and maintain concurrent cases and deadlines.

Typical Duties & Responsibilities:

- Works on the front line to support children and families at risk.
- Participates in interdisciplinary case management to assist children and families at risk.
- Provides emotional support and feedback to clients.
- Recognizes potential crisis situations and implements preventative strategies.
- Provides life skills and behaviour management training to clients.
- Maintains caseload and paperwork.
- Participates in case conferences and consults with other stakeholders.
- Builds relationships, promotes program awareness and represents department
- Participates as member of the Child & Family Services team.

Education, Level of Experience & Hiring Requirements:

- Certificate from a recognized college specializing in therapy or social work.
- Plus Five (5) years directly-related experience in the majority of specialties listed in the job description including life skills, children in care, Squamish Nation cultural knowledge, basic Indian child welfare, and working knowledge of community based programs.
- As career progresses, incumbent will be required to successfully complete job-required, short-term upgrading, training and courses relating to child care, life planning, child abuse, teaching skills and analyzing problems.
- Experience as an intermediate user of Email, Internet, Excel and Word/WordPerfect.
- Previous experience working in a First Nations Community (particularly Squamish) is preferred.
- Must be able to provide a valid Criminal Records Check.
- Must have a valid Class 4 or 5 BC Driver's License; Class 7N may be considered.
- Must have a reliable vehicle and current auto insurance.
- Grade 12 plus 8 years may substitute for above education and experience.

Salary: As per Squamish Nation Performance & Compensation Strategy.

Send Application To: Rae Anne Claxton, Recruiting Admin Coordinator
Human Resources
336 West 4th Street
North Vancouver, BC
V7M 1J1

Or Email: hr@squamish.net

Application MUST Include:

- Cover Letter & Resume
- 3 letters of reference
from direct supervisors
- Official copies of school records

No faxes will be accepted

ONLY APPLICANTS WITH RELEVANT TRAINING & EXPERIENCE WILL BE CONTACTED FOR AN INTERVIEW

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