

Temporary Employment Opportunity - Addictions Counsellor

Position Title: Addictions Counsellor
Department/Program: Child & Family Services
Supervisor (s): Case Manager; Director of Child & Family Services
Employment Status: Term Position until September 10, 2015

1. Job Function/Purpose:

The Addictions Counsellor provides prevention and intervention addictions services to GN community members, including counselling, treatment referrals and after care planning.

2. Duties:

- Provide addictions assessments, support and counselling;
- Provide referrals to addictions treatment centres, pre-treatment counselling and after-care planning;
- Counsel individuals, families and community groups to control addictions and when required develop wellness/treatment plans to facilitate admission to addictions treatment services.
- Liaise with other agencies/services to provide addictions services (e.g. VIHA Mental Health/Addictions, CYMH, Probation, etc.)
- Advocate for community members on issues with agencies and organizations such as MCFD, RCMP, Schools, Probation, etc.;

3. Job Qualifications/Employment Requirements:

- ***Certified Addictions Counsellor Training Program required*** (Provide copy of certificate of completion with your resume)
- Valid Driver's Licence & access to reliable transportation
- Ability to exercise sound judgement in setting priorities and dealing with confidential and sensitive issues;
- Excellent interpersonal skills, professionalism and integrity;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills (minimum Grade 12 English skills);
- Excellent Microsoft Office computer skills.
- Knowledge of addictions, substance abuse and skills in prevention
- Knowledge of positive family systems and cultural practices
- Experience with the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw community and surrounding communities;
- Experience with addictions prevention programs;
- Experience with developing and running groups;
- Experience with addictions assessment, counselling and treatment referrals;
- Three years experience in community based health/social service programs;
- Experience living healthy lifestyle as a role model.

Submit resumes to: Dean Wilson, Director of Child & Family Services
At: Health & Family Services Building, by fax: (250) 949-6811, or email:
deanwilson@telus.net

**Written resumes & cover letters MUST be submitted
no later than 4:30 pm on September 30, 2014**