



**JOB POSTING
CHILD AND YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER
FULL-TIME**

The Sonshine Centre is a long term (one year) residential program for women and children who have experienced family violence and abuse. We are currently seeking to hire for the following position:

Sonshine Community Services Mission Statement:

The mission of Sonshine Community Services is to provide services from a Christian perspective that support the development of healthy individuals and families, assist in the building of respectful relationships, and respond to the needs of those experiencing family violence and abuse.

General Description of Position

- This is a full-time position (35 hours per week) to provide a safe and supportive child-centered environment for children who have experienced trauma and are living in Sonshine Centre. This program is designed to provide structured individualized and group activities within a specialized program. Through supported play (both individual and small groups) and a child-centered curriculum, children are supported in meeting their emotional, social, cognitive, physical, and spiritual needs.
- This position requires flexibility, which could include working some evenings.

Responsibilities

- Maintain a strength-based approach in all work with the children and families.
- Ensure that the programs and services provided are relevant to the needs of the children.
- Provide a variety of developmentally and age appropriate learning experiences.
- Provide high levels of daily care, safety, and supervision of children – 1/3 of this role involves providing direct child care.
- Contribute towards assessment, best practices, planning, and service delivery.
- Work as part of an integrated team with the Child & Family Counselor, Residential Counselors, Child Care Worker, Outreach Counselor, Play Therapist, and Shelter Director.

Qualifications

- Degree or Diploma in Child and Youth Studies, Psychology, or Social Work preferred.
- Applied knowledge of domestic violence and the effects of trauma on the developing child to interactions with, and planning for, the children. *Knowledge of the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (Dr. Bruce Perry) is preferred.
- Experience working with children and knowledge of domestic violence
- Current CPR and First Aid (or willing to obtain within the first three months of employment).
- A cleared Criminal Record Check with vulnerable sector search (completed within last 6 months).
- A cleared Child Intervention Record Check (completed within last 6 months).
- Tattered Teddies training (Preventing Suicide in Children) *or willing to obtain within the first three months of employment.

Position will remain open until suitable candidate is found. Please submit resume and cover letter to:

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Sonshine Community Services is an equal opportunity Employer.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.