



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: SOUTH ISLAND WELLNESS SOCIETY (SIWS)
POSITION TITLE: YOUTH TRANSITION COORDINATOR (SIX-MONTH CONTRACT)
APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

Position Summary

The purpose of the South Island Wellness Society (SIWS) is to assist the South Vancouver Island First Nations and urban Aboriginal community to develop community based and culturally relevant (indigenous) approaches to the delivery of child and family services. The SIWS believes that local solutions will need to be found for different communities to align with their unique differences and needs.

The "**Youth Transition Coordinator**" works within South Island First Nations and Urban Aboriginal communities to support Youth with the implementation of a Youth Transition Plan (YTP) and development of the competencies essential to their successful transition to independence and adulthood. The Youth Transition Coordinator will collaborate and work closely with delegated social workers and other community professionals providing services to Youth during the pre and post transitioning out of care process.

Key Duties and responsibilities:

- Develop relationships with portfolio leads and other community professionals involved with the delivery of services to Youth "In Care" and Youth who have recently transitioned "Out of Care."
- Develop relationships with Youth in Care and Youth who have recently transitioned Out of Care within this region.
- Work with Youth to prepare them for potential participation in the Youth Transition Planning process and liaise between them and SIWS Family Advocates or other Service Professionals.
- Help involved Youth to have a strong voice throughout the process and actively participate in the development and implementation of their Youth Transition Plan.
- Support Social Workers as Youth approach an aging out period by assisting with implementation of YTP (i.e. age 16 to 18).
- Become primary support for Youth age 19 to implement Youth Transition Plan. YTP implementation supports may include:
 - Identification and access to housing
 - Continued life skill development
 - Enrollment in education and access to available education funding
 - Access to employment search services and/or social assistance
 - Supports to acquire necessary services to assist with individual needs (i.e. health, social, etc.)
 - Support to remain connected to community and other key individuals identified in their YTP.

Qualifications:

- Degree or Diploma in Social Services, or related discipline and 2- 4 years experience in delivery of Social Services associated with Youth or Child and Family Services. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.
- Experience working with Aboriginal Youth and families and demonstrated experience overcoming barriers and dealing with potential conflict.
- Knowledge of how MCFD and Aboriginal Delegated Agencies deliver services as well as the CFCSA and AOPSI.
- Ability to develop strong working relationships with Aboriginal Leadership, community members, families and children.

Compensation:

- The starting annual salary for this position is \$45,000.

The successful candidate must have completed an enhanced criminal record check, have access to a reliable vehicle, possess a valid driver's license, and be able to work a flexible schedule, sometimes involving work in the evening and weekends. Interested candidates should submit a complete resume and covering letter (detailing work experience) with three work-related references to:

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Please note: Preference is given to persons of Aboriginal ancestry as per Section 41 of the Human Rights Code.