



PEACE Counsellor **Temporary Part-Time Position**

Date Posted:	July 18, 2022
Competition #:	2022-19PT Internal/External posting
Start Date:	As soon as possible, temporary until March 31, 2023
Salary:	\$32.51
Reports to	PEACE Program Coordinator
Hours:	16 hours per week, some weekend work maybe required
Location:	Administration Office, Transition houses, Langley schools and community

Job Summary

The PEACE Counsellor provides counselling, education, support, and advocacy to children and parents who have witnessed or experienced domestic violence. In this role you will also provide psycho-educational groups, parenting support, conduct safety planning, risk identification, and community awareness and trainings.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Interviews parents and children, prepares case histories and outlines services provided by the organization.
- Refers children and parents to community programs as needs arise.
- Assesses the impact of witnessing abuse on the child, the group readiness of the child and the support needs of the abused parent.
- Develops and conducts psycho-educational support groups for children and mothers
- Conducts individual counselling sessions with the child and/or their families. Recommends follow-up services where necessary and makes appropriate referrals.
- Provides emotional and parenting support and referral services for parents
- Conducts post group interviews with children and/or their families. Recommends follow-up services where necessary and makes appropriate referrals.
- Maintains related records, statistics and prepares relevant reports as required.
- Maintains current knowledge of issues and resources related to abuse and violence. Provides presentations and public awareness activities about services and issues.
- Performs other related duties as required.



Qualifications

- BSW or relevant field area and one year of recent, related experience, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.
- Must possess a valid BC Class 5 Driver's License, 2 million liability insurance, and have a reliable vehicle (mileage paid for work use).
- Current First Aid Certificate with infant and AED and Naloxone training.
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training
- Intersectional feminist perspective, compassion, and a demonstrated understanding of oppression and marginalization.
- Current comprehensive knowledge of local resources and relevant systems.
- Thorough understanding of harm reduction, especially as it relates to women as a parent, violence, mental wellness, substance use, sex work, and homelessness.
- Ability to constructively resolve conflict with colleagues and women accessing services.
- Excellent verbal and written communication, organization, and advocacy skills.
- Ability to multi-task, prioritize competing demands, and work under pressure.
- Ability to work independently and in a group setting.
- Fluency in languages other than English a definite asset.

Additional Information

- Ishtar Society is a BCGEU unionized workplace. This position requires a Criminal Record Check.
- Additional working hours may be required from time to time
- We are practicing COVID – 19 protocol

Working Conditions

The PEACE Counsellor may be required to drive or meet families in the community or a school. Some lifting may be required. The PEACE counsellor will work some of the time at both of Ishtar's transition houses to provide service to mothers' and their children residing at the transition houses.

At Ishtar Society, we ground our work in anti-oppressive, intersectional feminist practice. We are committed to hiring women who reflect the women who access our services. Ishtar Society honours and respects the diverse cultures, identities, and knowledge among the communities in which we work and live. We work to provide a healthy, safe, and inclusive workplace where respect and diversity are recognized assets.

How to apply: Please send your resume to employment@ishtarsociety.org and please note the Competition Number.

Closing Date: **OPEN UNTIL FILLED**