

Wilma's Transition Society *Child and Youth Counselor Job Description*

The child and youth counselor is responsible for case management and providing counseling to children, youth and their families who are clients or past clients at Wilma's Transition Society. The child and youth counsellor would provide individual counseling to children and youth as well as family counseling and group counseling.

Role and Responsibilities:

- Working with families who are referred by Wilma's Transition Society dealing with such issues as poverty, violence, trauma and other barriers.
- Assist families to respond to crisis and provide strength-based counseling, office and community locations.
- Work collaboratively with clients to provide case management and risk assessment, goal setting, planning, counselling, closure and where appropriate, follow up.
- Participate with other team members including parents, Wilma's staff and other professionals in collaborative meetings.
- Maintain appropriate and timely documentation and tracking systems.
- Participate in regular quality assurance reviews, case and team consultation/supervision and meetings as required
- Provide services (individual/groups) and/or referrals as requested

Qualifications and Education Requirements:

- Master's degree in counseling, Social Work, Psychology or related field.
- Minimum 1-year post-graduate degree experience working with parents, families, children and community professionals.
- Class 5 Drivers License
- Acceptable Criminal Records Search

Preferred Skills:

- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and written
- Interpersonal skills necessary to deal effectively and compassionately with clients and parents.
- Non-judgmental, feminist beliefs and attitudes.
- Individual and Family Counselling skills.
- Play/art therapy skills and intervention, including positive parenting practices.
- Ability to work from a variety of modalities based on the needs of clients.
- Ability to provide trauma informed approach to supporting individuals and families.
- Ability to provide a connection-based approach between caregivers and their children.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to work well independently and within a team.
- Organizational skills, including time management, documentation and report writing
- Creativity, patience, empathy and flexibility.
- Group facilitation skills including development and implementation of groups based on needs of persons served



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Position type

Part-time: 14-20 hours per week
Some travel is required

Salary

Starting at \$30/hr based on experience

Benefits

- Casual dress
- Company events
- Flexible schedule
- On-site parking