

Native Child and Family Services of Toronto

Native Child and Family Services of Toronto is an Aboriginal, community controlled multiservice agency. Our mission is to provide support, ensure safety and enhance the quality of life for Aboriginal families, children, and youth within the greater Toronto area. Our agency works within a holistic framework, which builds on individual and family strengths, and engages clients as partners in identifying issues and their solutions.

Zhishay – Father Support Worker

Classification: Regular Full-Time Rate: \$35,428 - \$53,680 Hours: 35 hrs/wk. Location: 90 John Tabor Trail

NCFST is committed to staffing a workforce representative of the Aboriginal population we serve. We encourage First Nations, Metis and Inuit applicants to apply and to please self-identify in their cover letter.

Position Summary

Under the direction of the Supervisor, Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, the Zhishay -Father Support Worker will:

- Develop, implement and facilitate culturally- based early learning educational and prevention programs for fathers/male caregivers and families with children 0 to 6 years of age.
- Deliver programs and services to fathers/male caregivers with children 0 to 6 years of age.
- Ensure that program content is evidence and culturally- based in all areas related to child development, nutrition, parenting, family violence and other matters that impact their life circumstances.
- Undertake community/home visits, establish in-depth trusting and nurturing relationships with fathers/male caregivers and their children.
- Provide educational and supportive guidance/advice to fathers/male caregivers on matters related to early learning and development, family life, relationships and all other matters impacting their life circumstances.
- Provide one-on-one supportive services to families and their children.
- Develop and deliver both children's and fathers/male parenting and empowerment circles to promote a sense of identity, culture, parental involvement and to aid in, overall, capacity building.
- Intervene appropriately to crisis situations and make all suitable referrals to specialized supports, including Clinical Services.
- Initiate and attend meetings with internal and external services.
- Perform program outreach by utilizing internal and external resources and participating in community events.
- Support parents who may have experienced the loss of a child through apprehension.
- Maintain accurate reporting, case files, and statistical data and, subsequently, submit reports.

What we are looking for:

- Post-secondary education in the Human Services or Community Development field and a minimum of 2 years of relevant work experience.
- Alternatively, an equivalent combination of education and experience working with Aboriginal peoples in a social services setting will be considered.
- A willingness to undertake and pass a Vulnerable Sector Police Record Check.
- An understanding of the issues impacting at-risk Aboriginal families within the urban environment.
- A high level of cultural literacy and competence in the provision of culture based services.
- Experience promoting and implementing age/stage developmental play/ parent child activities.
- Awareness of supports and resources within the community.
- Experience in crisis intervention.
- Ability to communicate and instruct parents on the care of children between 0 to 6 years of age.
- Ability to work within a multi-disciplinary team.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Good organizational skills and ability to multitask.
- Demonstrated understanding, and commitment to, integrating the Native Child and Family Services of Toronto Mission and values in to practice, service and relationships.
- Demonstrated understanding of workplace health and safety practices and understanding of an employee's responsibility under current legislation.
- Ability to work effectively with all levels of staff, to maintain effective communication and working relationships, demonstrating strong interpersonal skills, tact, sensitivity and build strong internal relationships.

If you are interested in this job opportunity, please apply by email on or before **November 15, 2019** to hrncfst@nativechild.org quoting reference number #19-11-01.

We are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. As such, NCFST will make accommodations available to applicants with disabilities upon request during the recruitment process.

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