

## **Children's Mental Health Professional (CMHP)**

This is an exciting full time temporary (1 year) position within a partnership between Blue Hills Child and Family Centre and York Region Children's Aid Society, designed to provide children's mental health consultation and capacity building within the child protection context. The overall intent is to enhance the clinical capacity of child welfare staff through the provision of direct clinical consultation to staff and families involved with the CAS.

The CMHP will facilitate within multiple York CAS departments including Intake, Resource, Family Services, and Children's Services, opportunities for joint problem solving, assessment, triaging, access to supports, education, information and referral to community services.

The CMHP will provide a broad helping approach where clinical issues pertaining to individual clients are resolved, and will be an active agent in collaboratively achieving solutions to clinical problems. As a result it is hoped that the Child Welfare staff's clinical competencies to address similar issues in the future will be strengthened.

In this role the CMHP will liaise with other clinical services and contribute to the ongoing professional development for child welfare staff. The CMHP will be jointly supervised by Blue Hills Child and Family Centre and York Region CAS.

### **Qualifications:**

- A Masters in social work/psychology, or an equivalent degree with experience in children's mental health and child welfare, as well as knowledge of needs and services for children/youth and families.
- A minimum of five years of direct clinical work focussing on individuals (children/youth), parents/caregivers and families.
- Well-developed clinical skills demonstrating an understanding of family dynamics and systems, theoretical and evidence based knowledge of human development, social environment and community systems and context.
- Demonstrate both an understanding of cultural diversities and an ability to integrate a cross cultural practice.
- Expertise in the organization, delivery and evaluation of clinical services, displaying a familiarity with a range of evidence informed treatment modalities and approaches.
- A willingness to work flexible hours which include evenings as required.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and organizational skills combined with the ability to work independently; an ability to maintain an adaptable, flexible approach.
- Conflict resolution, critical thinking and demonstrated ability to work co-operatively within a multi-disciplinary team of service providers.
- Supervisory or leadership experience, along with committee experience an asset.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Thorough understanding of York Region and its services.

- Fluency in French is considered an asset.
- Valid driver's license and successful completion of a police check.

This position will be located at the York Region CAS office in Newmarket.

**Please apply in writing by May 25th, 2018:**

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