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*MISSION: To create a connected, collaborative, inclusive and sustainable community.*

## **JOB POSTING:**

Posting date: July 26, 2022

Application deadline: August 18, 2022

Expected Start date: early October

End date: June 30, 2023

Exact dates TBD

Temporary position, leave coverage

***The FGCA is a non-profit charitable society governed by a Board of Directors. We are a multi-faceted community organization that runs licensed programs (preschool, out-of-school care and daycare) and community programs and services for individuals of all ages and stages.***

**Job Title: Youth and Family Counsellor, Vic West Elementary School**

**Position Type:** 0.8 FTE

**Expected Start Date:** early October, exact date TBD

**End date:** June 30, 2023

**Hours of work:** 28 hours per week, schedule to be determined in consultation with principals

**Salary Range:** \$28.05-\$31.11 per hour, dependent on education and experience as a school based YFC

**Vacation and Benefits:** Paid vacation during winter and spring breaks. Eligible for extended medical, dental, Life, Critical Illness, LTD, and AD&D after 3 month probationary period (80% paid by employer). Eligible for RSP matching contributions after 3 months (up to 3% of gross pay). Additional budget available for expenses (including mileage) and professional development.

**Reports to:** Vanya McDonell, Co-Executive Director. Onsite supervisor is school Principal.

### **Overall Position Objectives**

The role of the school-based Youth and Family Counsellor is to provide identification and intervention in the areas of counselling, skill development, advocacy, and support services to vulnerable children/youth and their families. Children/youth who are vulnerable are those who are experiencing familial, emotional, behavioural, and/or cultural issues which significantly limit their capacity to function effectively within their family, school, and/or community. Vic West Elementary School is a K-5 school in Victoria, BC. The school offers many excellent programs with a strong focus on literacy. As well, the school actively promotes and develops good citizenship and student responsibility through its focus on community.

### **Goals of the Youth and Family Counselling Service**

The Youth and Family Counsellor aims to have students:

- Remain enrolled and connected with an educational program;
- Maintain, repair and encourage healthy attachments to family and other significant adults;
- Develop healthy social relationships and positive self worth.

### **Specific Job Duties and Responsibilities**

- To act in a non-curricular/non-teaching capacity in the school and in the community by providing counselling and support services to students and their families;
- To provide a range of formal and informal interventions and services in the school to students and their families;
- To provide individual, family, and group counselling for at risk students identified in the school
- To be available for crisis interventions when identified as necessary by school based case management team;

- To be an advocate and support, consistent with the outcome goals, for students and their families within the school environment;
- To participate in school based activities such as school-based case management teams, case conferences, and staff meetings and to keep accurate and current case documentation concerning assessment, client goals, service actions and case evaluation;
- Initiate preventative interventions (i.e. health promotion, mental health strategies, parenting, drug and alcohol education);

### **Qualifications (Education / Skills/ Abilities)**

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- A degree in Child and Youth Care or Social Work (or equivalent), with related experience working with vulnerable youth and their families;
- The means and ability to do outreach to students and families;
- Will have a clear vulnerable sector Criminal Record and Abuse registry check;
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination
- Membership with the South Vancouver Island School Based Youth & Family Counsellors Association within one month of employment

Please find a full Job Description on our website <https://fairfieldcommunity.ca/>

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Please forward your resume and cover letter to Vanya McDonell via email at [vmcdonell@fairfieldcommunity.ca](mailto:vmcdonell@fairfieldcommunity.ca) and include "Youth and Family Counsellor" in the subject line, identifying which school(s) you are applying for in the body of the email. We thank all applicants; however, only those shortlisted will be contacted for an interview.