



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

<b>Position:</b> Children's Services Community Facilitator	<b>Status:</b> Permanent Full-time
<b>Wage:</b> \$29.81 to \$32.75 per hour	<b>Classification:</b> Inside Union Class 8
<b>Posting Date:</b> September 1, 2010	<b>Closing Date:</b> 12:00 noon on September 17, 2010

### POSITION SUMMARY:

Responsible for increasing access and establishing new and enhanced linkages between clients and children's services organizations in the broader community, through community facilitation/capacity-building strategies and direct involvement with families.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Meet children's and families' needs by strengthening, enhancing, building on and integrating programs and services, including those currently in place and new, created and/or influenced by this position.
- Enhance linkages between children's services organizations, other MCS Teams, and the Muskoka families that can benefit from those services, in both a broad and a targeted manner.
- Increase usage of children's services across Muskoka, particularly by MCS clients and other vulnerable families. This will be accomplished in part by liaising with MCS Case Managers and clients to identify families' barriers to accessing children's services, and by developing responsive strategies.
- Work with community stakeholders in the children's services sector to advance Best Start goals of integrative and collaborative service delivery.
- Work with Muskoka Best Start Network and the Early Learning Subcommittee to advance early learning initiatives identified in service plans.
- Assist with marketing of child care and Best Start initiatives.
- Assist in the development and implementation of an evaluation strategy for community facilitation.
- Maintain accurate program statistics.
- Where appropriate, utilize recommendations from provincial Best Start Expert Panels and other child development research sources.

### EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from a three-year post secondary program in social sciences or equivalent, with university preferred. Three years of directly related experience. Well-developed knowledge of children's services sector. Ability to work diplomatically and creatively within a complex, non-standardized setting. Ability to work independently and effectively in a team-based setting. Excellent communication, interpersonal, organizational, technological, and analytical skills required. Proven ability to relate empathetically and effectively with clientele. Flexibility to work occasional weekends and evenings. A valid Ontario driver's license in good standing, and access to a vehicle.

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