



Child Trauma Counsellor Wheatland Crisis Society - Strathmore, Alberta

Established in 1993 and located 35 minutes east of Calgary in Strathmore, Alberta, the Wheatland Crisis Society is a registered non-profit organization that provides ongoing support and services to women, men and children who are affected by family violence. We are committed to a vision of a future where our community is free of violence and our citizens are empowered to resolve conflict in peaceful and productive ways.

Our success is achieved by offering a slate of programming that is diverse and reflective of the needs of the families and community we serve. This includes a residential program that temporarily houses up to 25 individuals and/or families as well as outreach, early intervention and public education programming that serves the community at large. We also provide 'wrap around' services such as family violence prevention services in partnership with the RCMP and Alberta Justice.

We are considered a valuable service provider in the community and are a member of the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (ACWS).

The Opportunity

The society is seeking a Temporary 12 Month Full – Time Child Trauma Counsellor, with a strong foundation in child development, trauma informed practice, counselling, case management, advocacy, safety planning, and community referrals.

The Society offers health and dental benefits and a RRS program.

This position will report to the Crisis Manager.

The Role

GENERAL DUTIES – A Child Trauma Counsellor is responsible for responding to client and agency needs as they arise. This includes assisting children and families who present a broad spectrum of symptoms related to exposure to simple or complex trauma and helping them heal from abuse. A strong understanding of community resources and referral processes, individual and group counselling skills, agency policies and procedures are a requirement for this position. Positive, constructive and innovative staff are required for consultative and decision making purposes with colleagues. The applicant must have a good understanding of case management, goal planning, risk assessment and intervention strategies. The applicant must be adaptable to organizational change and proven to contribute opinions in a solution focused

manner. This position requires an individual who contributes positively to the agencies culture and morale. Discretion, independence, self-motivation, and objectivity are a necessary characteristic of this role. Must have strong computer skills, and some data entry experience. Must have the ability to communicate significant information and developments to other staff members both in writing and verbally. Confidentiality, professional boundaries, and a clear understanding of ethics are paramount to all positions at WCS.

EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENT - Must possess an awareness of community resources and represent the society during case conferences, community partner meetings, presentations and interagency meetings.

The Candidate

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Minimum Social Work degree or equivalent
- Registration with a professional body
- Current CPR/ First Aid and ASIST certificates
- Recent Criminal Record and Child Intervention Checks
- Strong interpersonal skills combined with excellent organizational, problem solving and communication skills are critical
- Demonstrated ability to deal effectively with multiple priorities in a fast paced work environment
- High standards of professional integrity and proficiency
- Clear driver's abstract and an ability to travel

To Apply

This position posting will close when a suitable candidate is found. The approximate start date can be negotiated.

If you are looking for a rewarding career at a growing organization, please submit a letter of intent and resume to the attention of Lindsay Jensen, Crisis Manager, at wcs.cs@wcsab.ca.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Thank you for your interest in this position.