

Job Posting

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| Position : | Peer Support Worker | Closing date : | May 30, 2019 |
| Program : | Growing Great Kids | Location : | New Westminster |
| Nature of work: | 2 year contract work, 8 hrs/week | Posting : | 2800-052019 |

EFry has implemented Growing Great Kids (GGK) as a support system to help families with secure attachment, community connection to reduce the need for government intervention. This research project, to be co-led by women, aims to answer the question: How does the Growing Great Kids (GGK) program, when enhanced by peer support, contribute to a paradigm shift, when separating women from their children as a result of incarceration, poverty, homelessness or Indigenous status is replaced by initiatives and structures that promote and foster equity and contact between women and their children as valued members of the communities in which they live?

ROLE OVERVIEW

We are looking to employ **Peer Support Worker** to assist women both participating in and graduated from the Growing Great Kids program. The successful candidate will have completed the GGK program themselves and will work with women in a mentor-ship role with to assist with finding and accessing resources, parenting supports, and work with other mentors to develop activities and resources to enhance the UBC research project as described.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide peer support to women currently in and those who have finished the GGK program.
- Co-develop with the team, peer support activities and resources for the project.
- Schedule and co-ordinate peer support activities.
- Assist in recruiting study participants.
- Liaise with both partners at the community agency and the academic institution.
- Support mothers in their interactions with developmentally appropriate GGK activities and information designed to enhance the child's intellectual, social-emotional, motor, and language abilities.
- Provide mothers as appropriate with guidance on home safety, nutrition, effective discipline, constructive play activities, and other related topics.
- Provide information on community services and assist the family to access community resources including medical, mental health, addictions, mutual aid groups, and other services as needed.
- Assist with coordinating doctor, dental visit and other community needs identified by the family, including transportation as necessary.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- Applicants must be women who have completed the Growing Great Kids program and who have not been in the program for a minimum of 4 months.
- Applicants may not be on parole and must be released from prison for a minimum of 1 year.
- Applicants must have stable housing, income and medical care.

- Must be able to be at work on a consistent basis with regular attendance and punctuality, and be willing and able to handle all the duties and responsibilities of this position on an ongoing basis.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Ability to work independently and as a team member.
- Ability to work with mothers and children effectively.
- Good communication and problem solving skills.

Please e-mail your resume and cover letter to humanresources@elizabethfry.com

Please note only short listed candidates will be contacted for interview. No phone calls please