Acknowledging that we live, work and play on the traditional unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples – skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and x\*məθk\*əyəm (Musqueam) Nations.

## Unique Employment Opportunity at The PACE Program:

Working together to foster emotional well-being in our community through connection, support and education.



Family Counsellor – Supporting Healthy Transitions Program. Providing service to three Indigenous Agencies.

20 to 24 hours per week, start date early to mid-July.

Includes competitive compensation package, flexible work hours, and intensive training and professional development opportunities. You will be joining a close-knit supportive team.

The PACE Program is looking for a creative and flexible individual to join our supportive and skilled professional team within the **Supporting Healthy Transitions Program**, a unique and exciting collaborative venture with the Ministry for Children and Family Development (MCFD).

Our focus on this team is to provide support to children and their families as children move from one family to another. This could include working with biological parents and extended family, foster/out-of-care caregivers, and adoptive families.

The Family Counselor bridges connection between the families/caregivers involved to mitigate loss and support attachment. Service includes therapeutic work with the children and families as well as close collaboration with Social Workers and other professionals in the child and family circle.

Service will be provided to three Indigenous agencies. While office space is provided in Vancouver, travel may be required depending on where the families live.

At PACE, we believe strongly in supporting team members' growth, and welcome those who are interested in joining us in this pursuit. We provide regular clinical consultation and ongoing professional development opportunities.

The **Supporting Healthy Transitions Program** is accredited through CARF. PACE is primarily funded by MCFD and has been in operation since 1984.

## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

 Providing a range of child, family and systems support including counselling and both in-home and virtual support and meetings.

- As each transition is unique, gathering input from the families and professionals to determine how to best support them.
- Nurturing the development of sustainable relationships between the involved families to support the child's attachment needs.
- Providing emotional and strategic support to all parties.
- Offering therapeutic support to children, including help with difficult conversations and the preparation of therapeutic narratives and life stories.
- Liaising and consulting with the Advisory Committee.
- Participating in a collaborative planning process that supports everyone involved.
- Liaising with social workers and other professionals to establish systemic and collaborative working relationships.
- Collecting service feedback from both families and professionals as our involvement concludes.
- Ensuring documentation and stats are maintained and recorded in a timely manner.
- Participating in PACE team meetings, consultation, and training.

## What you bring:

- Relevant Master's degree or equivalent training from a recognized educational institute.
- Minimum of 5 years as a Family Counsellor.
- Experience working with child welfare required.
- Experience working with children required.
- Experience supporting Indigenous families required.
- Minimum 5 years' experience in trauma informed practice and systems approach.
- Sound understanding of child development, attachment, grief, loss and trauma issues.
- Experience working in collaboration with professionals essential.
- Class 5 Driver's License and access to a vehicle required.
- Current First Aid Certificate required.
- Proof of Covid-19 vaccination status will be required.
- Current and satisfactory Criminal Record Check required.

## What we offer:

- Supportive team & rich learning environment
- 20-24 hours per week
- Comprehensive orientation period, including one-on-one training and mentorship.
- Competitive compensation package
- Flexible work hours and possibility of hybrid work
- Intensive training and professional development opportunities
- Position start date: early to mid-July

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Please forward: 1) resume

2) cover letter by email: admin@thepaceprogram.ca

Note: Interviews will be scheduled as resumes received. Only those short-listed will be contacted.