



Boys & Girls Clubs  
of South Coast BC

## **JOB POSTING**

### **Nexus Vancouver**

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**JOB TITLE** Youth Counsellor

**START DATE** December 2017

#### **REPORTS TO**

Coordinator

#### **SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Youth Counsellor will be responsible for the provision of a full range of intervention and counselling services to youth and / or their families being adversely affected by their (or others') use of chemical substances.

#### **JOB DUTIES**

- Participates as a constructive and integral member of the Nexus Team including consultation, sharing of information and expertise and participation in weekly staff meetings.
- Assesses youth and family needs and establishes goals with the participation of the youth.
- Provides I to I counselling services.
- Provides Crisis Intervention services.
- Provides Outreach services in the community.
- Provides support for youth while they are in the program and, as appropriate, provides follow up support to youth upon leaving the program.
- Responsible for case management including evaluation of youth progress.
- As case manager discusses case planning and concerns with members of the team as well as with other professionals in the community. Strictly respects client and agency confidentiality of information.
- Maintains a thorough knowledge of community resources to meet the youth and family's needs.
- Provides liaison, education and advocacy to other professionals, other agencies and the community.
- Participates in staff training sessions and public education forums, seminars and conferences relevant to specific program areas.
- Participates in the evaluation of programs and the collection of data.
- Maintains up-to-date records on clients. Completes all required documentation.
- Performs other related duties as required.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Clean Criminal Record Check (Vulnerable Sector)
- B.S.W. or B.A. in relevant social science plus one year's experience working with adolescents and / or families.
- Experience in working with substance abusing adolescents is a definite asset.
- Knowledge of intervention strategies related to Substance Abuse, Suicide Prevention, Children & Youth Abuse and Neglect, etc.
- Knowledge of relevant counselling and assessment techniques and therapies used with youth and parents.
- Positive attitude toward substance abuse resolution.
- Knowledge of adolescent developmental needs and tasks.
- Experience in assessment and documentation.
- Knowledge of services for adolescents in general and substance abuse specifically.
- Knowledge of peer counselling.
- A passion for working with youth.
- A team player who is flexible and self-motivated.
- Other attributes would include an overall philosophy that values and respects the wisdom of youth.
- Good organization, time and general management skills.
- Well-developed written and verbal communication skills.
- Must exhibit personal maturity and sound judgment, be self-motivated, results oriented and have excellent interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated ability to organize and prioritize a variable workload, and competency with handling the pressure of multiple tasks and deadlines; many involving confidential information.
- Valid First Aid Certificate.
- Reliable vehicle insured for business use (two million liability).
- Class IV license

This is a full time (37.5 hours per week) salary position with group benefits after six months and pension after one year.

## **CLOSING DATE**

This position remains open until filled.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Please email a resume and cover letter to:  
Nexus Youth and Family Counsellor Hiring Committee  
[sgrant@bgcbc.ca](mailto:sgrant@bgcbc.ca)

Thank you to all persons that apply for this position. Please note that only those selected for interview will be contacted.