

**FAMILY SERVICES of the NORTH SHORE**  
**Job Posting – 2 positions**

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Position:	Counsellor– Family Preservation / Family Support Programs
Position #:	19-1214
Reports to:	Program Manager & Clinical Supervisor – Family Preservation & Family Support Programs
Location:	North Vancouver office and Community
Closing:	August 18, 2019

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**The Agency:**

Family Services of the North Shore is an accredited, not-for-profit, community based agency committed to making a lasting and deep impact on our community through counselling, support, education and volunteer programs.

As a valued member of the staff, you will have the opportunity to work for an organization that respects its employees, values work / life balance and provides a workplace where interactions are carried out in a spirit of collaboration, cooperation and communication.

**The Programs:**

The Family Preservation Program provides intensive counselling to MCFD mandated clients with child protection concerns who are at risk of having their child removed, or who are in the process of having their child return to the home. Services are provided in the clients' homes and/or in the community.

The Family Support Program provides community-based support to families with children who are identified as being in need of support. Services are strength-based and designed to increase safety and stability of the family.

**The Job:**

These are permanent 1.0 FTE (35 hours per week) positions beginning as soon as possible.

While working in the Family Preservation Program, you will be working with MCFD to identify counselling goals and objectives with the various family members and work with them individually or in groups as appropriate. You will provide initial and on-going assessments as well as work with client families regarding issues of family boundaries, improving parental capacity, reducing risk to children, developing problem-solving skills, supporting the reduction of relationship violence, increasing knowledge on the impact of family violence, responding to mental health and addictions, building resilience, and establishing family and community support networks, etc. You will attend to legal and ethical issues as they may arise, and in consultation with supervisor, to ensure that appropriate action is taken.

While working in the Family Support Program, you will be responsible for providing services to clients referred through a variety of paths, including, MCFD, self-referral, school counsellors, family doctors and other community resources. Many of the families will already be connected to the Agency through other programs. You will provide education on parenting, coping and other skills as well as provide concrete resourcing and referrals regarding housing, child care, and access to government, legal systems and community services.



These positions require some flexibility in work hours and a capacity to respond to a diversity of client needs. Hours of service must be flexible to accommodate the schedules of families and will include after-school and evening hours. As the work is done primarily out in the community, this position requires the use of a personal automobile.

**The Candidate:**

The successful candidates will have a graduate degree in Counselling Psychology or Social Work or a related field with a minimum of 1 year of experience working in a community setting. Experience working with the areas of relationship violence, substance misuse, mental health issues, and poverty is essential, as is an understanding of diversity, oppression, marginalization, and trauma. Current registration with an accredited professional organization is also required. Experience facilitating groups would be an asset.

Family Services of the North Shore is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages all candidates, irrespective of gender, nationality, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities to apply to become part of our organization.

*Please respond, in confidence, with resume and cover letter to:*

*Kathleen Whyte*

*Senior Manager of Human Resources*

*Family Services of the North Shore*

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*While we thank all applicants for their interest, only short-listed candidates will be contacted.*