



FAMILY SERVICES of the NORTH SHORE
Contract Positions – Farsi Speaking
Individual, Couple & Family Counselling (ICF)
Stopping the Violence Counselling (STV)

Position: Contract Counsellors
Position #: 21-1245
Reports to: Assigned Program Manager
Location: North Vancouver office
Closing Date: until filled

The Agency:

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

We understand the competing responsibilities of modern life. In every role, we will support both your commitment to our community and the very real need to take care of your family. We also understand that to take care of others, you must first take care of yourself. At Family Services of the North Shore, you can do both. We aim to provide a sustainable model of work-life balance across all our programs and services.

The Programs:

Our Individual, Couple and Family Counselling Program (ICF) provides clinical counselling services to members of the community who are dealing with a variety of clinical concerns including the stress of parenting, anxiety, depression, trauma, family/partner violence and abuse, grief and loss, relationship struggles for individuals, couples' difficulties, and family conflict.

The Stopping the Violence program delivers counselling services to women who have experienced intimate partner violence, sexual abuse and / or childhood abuse as well as trafficked women. Services are primarily delivered to individual clients but may also include some group work.

The Positions:

These positions are for contract counsellors to provide services, primarily to female clients, in Farsi. This position will see primarily individual adults but may also see couples and families. The successful candidate can expect to work approximately 6-10 hours per week.

Work can either be shorter or longer term, depending on the needs and wishes of your client, as well as your assessment in conjunction with your supervisor. You may also see clients in our 14- week safety and stabilization program which is part of our STV program or our 6-12 session short-term program under ICF.

In addition to your clinical work and file documentation, you will receive regular individual supervision from your Program Manager / Clinical Supervisor. You will also participate in group supervision and team meetings. You are expected to work collaboratively with members of the Agency staff.

Evening hours and potentially Saturdays will be required to meet the needs of clients and the Agency. You will provide services both virtually and in-person with virtual sessions being held either in the Agency's office or from your own home office. The proportion of in-person vs virtual services will change over time depending on the COVID-19 and other factors.

The Candidate:

You have a master's degree in clinical counselling, social work or related field, current registration with an accredited, professional organization and a minimum of 2 years of post-master's degree experience working with adult women impacted by trauma. Experience working with people who have been impacted by relationship violence, substance misuse, mental health issues, and poverty is an asset. You understand how the therapeutic relationship may be shaped by social locations of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and ability.

You have a good understanding of the importance of excellent file documentation practices.

Language proficiency in Farsi is required for these roles.

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 with disabilities to apply to become part of our Agency.

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

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