

# Lower Fraser Valley Aboriginal Society

## **Job Title: Aboriginal Head Start Childcare Early Childhood Educator**

The Indigenous Head Start Childcare delivers holistic teachings that are culturally relevant to the children and families. The Early Childhood Educator ensures that Head Start provides a culturally supportive environment to ensure a strong sense of well belonging and carry out goals of the Aboriginal Head Start Society. The six components that guide the care for young children are: Culture & Language Education, Health Promotion, Nutrition, Social Support, Parental and Family Involvement, and Respecting and Honoring every child's spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical growth.

## **Job Description:**

- Work cooperatively, respectfully and in consultation with the Coordinator in all matters associated with Indigenous Head Start Program
- Ability to mentor, ensure accountability, and provide leadership to a team of educators
- Ability to communicate effectively and professionally
- Foster and develop meaningful relationships with families creating a strong sense of well-being and belonging
- Adhere to all policies and procedures as outlined in Aboriginal Head Start Manual and L.F.V.A.S Policy and Procedures
- Work with other community professionals to ensure optimal support and outcomes for children and families
- Passionate, reflective, and the ability to understand and implement the Early Learning Framework throughout your practice
- Ability to have different perspectives and empathy for individual families
- Guide and care for children in a positive caring matter always empowering children positively for success
- Provide and facilitate safe play based intentional learning
- Support and work alongside Cultural Knowledge Keeper/Elder
- Provide indigenous traditional and modern practices and activities respectful to the community promoting awareness of culture and language
- Plan and implement outings within the community
- Provide monthly intentional curriculum, delivery, and documentation
- Commitment to ongoing professional development
- Basic knowledge of computer skills
- Create an inviting environment, and maintain clean/safe practices
- Create and distribute cultural newsletters, notices and calendars
- Work Independently and take initiative

## **Experience & Education**

- ECE Certificate with licence to practice
- Emergency Child Care First Aid and CPR/ AED (Infant/Child)
- Food Safe Certificate

## **Skills & Abilities**

- Understand and knowledge of Aboriginal culture, traditions and issues impacting on urban Aboriginal families
- Must have Aboriginal cultural agility and demonstrate appropriate behavioural competencies
- Knowledge in implementing the Early Learning Framework
- Ability to use Microsoft Word, Share POINT, Excel and Outlook
- Knowledge of Aboriginal communities an organizations and service providers in and around the community of Langley is an asset

## **Additional Requirements**

- Must successfully complete Criminal Record Review for work with children and vulnerable adults
- Must sign Oath of Confidentiality
- Must have reliable vehicle and valid BC driver's licence and provide a driver's abstract
- Hiring subject to primary source credential verification

**Hours of Work:** 30 hours – Rate of Pay \$26.70

Please submit your resume with a cover letter

[HR@LFVAS.org](mailto:HR@LFVAS.org)

[Lorie@LFVAS.org](mailto:Lorie@LFVAS.org)

We appreciate interest of all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please. We encourage all qualified people to apply. Where applicants for a position are equally suitable, preference will be given to the Aboriginal applicant.

