Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association 1:1 Support Worker (After School Care)

Kiwassa Neighbourhood House is a multi-service community agency that provides social services and programs to residents in Hastings-Sunrise and Grandview-Woodland neighbourhoods of East Vancouver on the traditional, unceded and occupied territories of the x^wməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səİilwəta?/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. Since 1951, we have been working in partnership across sectors and disciplines – to create a welcoming place where people can find a helping hand, services they need, and opportunities to be connected and engaged in their community. Drawing on the power and resiliency of our neighbourhood, we work to create a socially just and thriving community where everyone feels valued and secure.

Kiwassa has over 150 licenced child care spaces in four locations, offering quality childcare to infants, toddlers, and school-aged children. We are currently seeking an experienced 1:1 Support Worker for Kiwassa's Longhouse Out of School Care Program. The successful applicant will bring experience, innovative ideas, and enthusiasm for providing creative, inclusive, and multicultural programming, specifically for a child with autism.

Responsibilities:

- To be able to work within a team environment, and to provide a developmentally appropriate, play centred and inclusive program.
- To develop individualized programming based on child's needs, interests and abilities.
- To attend to child's physical needs that may include toileting, eating, etc.
- Establish and maintain positive daily communication with family and other professionals.
- Ensure children's safety and supervision, using positive behaviour guidance strategies.
- Work collaboratively with childcare team, other Kiwassa programs and community partners.
- Build a relationship with the children, staff, and families in the setting.
- The role includes: modeling strategies, training staff on the floor, and fulfilling any regular staff duties throughout the daily schedule's routines and transitions, as appropriate.
- To work towards the goal of ensuring the child's successful participation and socialization in a childcare setting.
- To show willingness of ongoing professional commitment and development, and an attitude that supports ongoing learning and self-reflection skills.
- To guide and care for children using positive and compassionate techniques
- Other duties, as assigned.

Qualifications:

- One year recent related experience, in an integrated setting.
- Experience working with children with autism is required.
- Valid First Aid Certification.
- Responsible Adult or other related post-secondary training is preferred.
- Experience with and passion for creating innovative, play-based programs for young children.
- Experience working with families with diverse needs and abilities.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Excellent English language ability.

This position reports to the Program Coordinators, and is a part time position (min. 6 - 9 hrs/wk – after school only, 3/3:30 – 6 pm). There will be an opportunity to work extra hours during school closures.

Closing Date: posted until filled

Send cover letter and resume to katey@kiwassa.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.