



Counsellor – Fort Saskatchewan Family & Community Support Services Contract Position

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is seeking a confident, compassionate, motivated individual to join our team. The FCSS philosophy is based on a belief that self-help contributes to a sense of integrity, self-worth and independence. Programs developed are intended to help individuals in their community to adopt healthy lifestyles, thereby improving the quality of life and building the capacity to prevent and/or deal with crisis situations should they arise. FCSS offers short term, solution focused, mental health services that help to support individuals build resiliency and connect to community services. FCSS provides services to a wide range of clients. Services include Individual, Couple and Family counselling sessions, Psycho-Educational Workshops, and the Employee Assistance Program for City employees.

Key responsibilities:

- Build relationships of trust with clients and other professionals.
- Provide short-term counselling to individuals, couples, and families including referrals and resources.
- Use sound evidence-based interventions, in particular, short term therapy techniques, to provide service to clients for a wide range of issues.
- Assist the client in connecting with community resources and advocating on their behalf.
- Maintain detailed and confidential client records regarding counseling sessions, interventions, and referrals following FCSS policies and procedures.
- Complete administrative responsibilities on time.
- Attend department staff meetings as required.
- Stay current about regulatory or legislative developments.
- Maintain on-going professional development.

Candidates must have a minimum of a Master's Degree in Social Work, Psychology or a related field. Three years of formal counselling experience, and certification and registration in good standing with applicable professional associations is required. The successful candidate must have the ability to work in a team environment. Good verbal and written communication skills are essential and multi-lingual abilities are valued. Candidates need to have experience working with children, youth and families. Knowledge of local resources and services and previous work with diverse populations are considered an asset. Proficiency with Microsoft Office applications is required. This position will require the successful candidate to provide an RCMP Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check, as well as a Child Intervention Check.

This is a contract position working 10-15 hours a week. Availability must be flexible with the ability to work some weekday evenings.

This position will remain open until a suitable candidate has been found. If interested, please forward a cover letter and resume to:

**City of Fort Saskatchewan
Family & Community Support Services
Director, FCSS
10005 102 Street
Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 2C5
Or email to: FCSSinfo@fortsask.ca**

The City of Fort Saskatchewan thanks all applicants for their interest and advises those applicants under consideration will be contacted.