

## PROGRESSIVE INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY (PICS)

Job Title: Child Care Educator
Hours of work: 21 hours per week
Term: Regular Part-Time

**Location:** Surrey PICS

**Reports to:** Program Manager **Wage Range:** \$22.00 - \$24.00

This position provides childminding support to newcomer and refugee children whose parents or caregivers are presently using our services.

## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- facilitates access to settlement services that include engaging children and youth in fun-filled activities to integrate them into Canadian society;
- works with program staff to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the children to play in and be cared for while their parents are participating in group activities;
- prepares and sets up age-appropriate equipment and activities for the children attending;
- prepares and serves snacks to the children;
- sets the environment and implements activities to meet the physical, emotional, intellectual, and social needs of the children in the program;
- maintains a working knowledge of child-related issues and community services;
- helps parents increase their knowledge of child development and parenting skills through role modeling, sharing resources, and teachable moments;
- provides a supportive and nurturing relationship with the parents and caregivers of the children;
- introduces immigrant and refugee newcomer parents to Canadian child-rearing practices; and
- performs other duties, as assigned.

#### **Knowledge and Experience:**

- Early Childhood Certificate or a minimum of two years of childminding experience caring for children between 19 months to 6 years of age;
- demonstrate knowledge of childcare principles and theories as they apply to vulnerable families;
- current Child Safe or level 1 First Aid Certificate;
- Food Safe is an asset: and
- second language an asset.

### **Skills and Abilities:**

- nonjudgmental, respectful, positive, and supportive attitude;
- ability to create a warm, nurturing, and welcoming environment for both parents and children
- demonstrated effectiveness as part of a staff team;
- ability to be flexible and adaptable to a changing group of children and location for care;

- ability to communicate with and relate to parents and caregivers coming with cultural and lifestyle diversity;
- demonstrated proficiency in written, oral, and interpersonal communication and problem-solving skills;
- well-developed planning and organizational skills;
- ability to work independently;
- ability to identify sensitive issues and maintain confidentiality; and
- understand the ethical responsibility to protect children and the duty to report.

# **Other Attributes and Requirements**

- valid driver's license and access to a suitable vehicle is an asset; and
- clean Criminal Record Check (Vulnerable Sector) is required.

How to Apply: Please submit a resume and cover letter, stating salary expectations, to <a href="mailto:career@pics.bc.ca">career@pics.bc.ca</a>. Please use the job title as the email subject.

(PICS is an equal opportunity employer. We thank all who apply, but only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please.)