



Employment Opportunity: Infant Development Consultant

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Status: Regular Full-Time

Location: Sheway
533 East Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC

The YWCA partners with the following agencies to deliver the services of Sheway: Ministry of Children and Family Development, Vancouver Native Health Society and Vancouver Coastal Health. Located in the Downtown Eastside, Sheway provides comprehensive health and social services to high-risk pregnant women and their infants up to 18 months post partum. The aims of the program are to support healthier pregnancies, improve birth outcomes and support positive early parenting experiences. Practices to address these aims include operating within a harm reduction philosophy and addressing the social determinants of health. The IDP Consultant works as a member of Sheway's interdisciplinary team to support the healthy growth and development of infants to 18 months post partum.

Responsibilities

- Assesses infants for actual or potential development delays.
- Refers infants to appropriate agencies / professionals for developmental support.
- In the home or on site, assists families to create nurturing and developmentally appropriate interactions and home environments.
- Facilitates families' connections to community resources
- Works as member of Sheway's interdisciplinary team to support families
- Coordinates parent education and group experiences for parents and infants and assests parents to attend.

Required Skills

- Infant Development Certificate or Diploma or Infant/Toddler and Special Needs Diploma
- 3-5 years experience working with at-risk families and their infants
- knowledge of normal growth and development of infants
- previous experience completing formal assessments of infants up to 2yrs of age
- understanding of issues affecting infants and their families living in the Downtown Eastside
- knowledge and understanding of Harm Reduction
- experience working as member of interdisciplinary team
- Education or experience related to special needs children
- Knowledge of issues affecting aboriginal families
- Valid BC driver's license and vehicle are required

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