



Cultural Awareness Worker 2011 Canada Summer Jobs Program

Job Summary:

The Cultural Awareness Worker will gain experience and work within all areas of our centres programs including Infant Toddler programs, 3-5 Years old programs, and our Out of School Summer Program. The Cultural Awareness Worker will be responsible to develop resources and share knowledge with children, families and staff about our community's First Nation People. The intent of this position is to build awareness and gain sensitivity to cultural differences. The Cultural Awareness Worker will participate in the planning, implementation and evaluation of our child care programs in accordance with the objectives, goals, philosophy and policies of the Centre.

EMPLOYMENT CRITERIA:

This is a Canada Summer Job and is sponsored by Human Resource and Skills Development Canada. Applicants must be between the ages of 19-30 years and must a student who is returning to school in the September. The placement term is from June to August 27 for 40 hours/week at \$10/ hour.

Responsibility:

- Encourage thoughtfulness and reflection about how to ensure that our programs are a comfortable place for First Nations children and families to participate in
- Demonstrate an understanding of, respect for and responsiveness to First Nations cultures
- Provide insight on how to support First Nations children and families within all of the centre's programs
- Support liaison with the Centre staff, families and administration
- Provide opportunities for children, families and centre staff to enhance their knowledge of the local First Nation culture and language
- Develop culturally appropriate and sensitive curriculum materials for our programs ongoing use
- Understand and comply with the Centre guidance policies
- Attend meetings determined by the needs of the children, families, staff or Executive and Assistant Director.
- Maintain current knowledge about fire, health and safety procedures
- Ensure confidentiality is maintained and that comprehensive and up to date records are kept private of each child
- Follow the Society filing policies

Qualifications:

- Experience and/or a keen desire to work with all people
- Experience or willingness to learn how to develop early years curriculum
- Good knowledge and understanding of the First Nations heritage, language and culture of the surrounding communities



- Child specific training is an advantage
- Collaborative work ethic and ability to work as part of a team
- Organizational skills with the ability to communicate clearly and concisely in written or verbal forms
- Interest and willingness to learn and work with children who have special needs
- Have or be willing to achieve a Child Safe First Aide certificate
- Criminal Record Check Clearance is mandatory
- Doctor's note of health
- Class 4 an asset

Apply before **June 15, 2011**. Send resume and cover letter to email to semplec@telus.net or to Kamloops Child Development Society, 157 Holway Street, Kamloops, BC. V2B 4A3. Position will begin ASAP.

Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

