Youth / Family Support Services Worker

At Griffin Centre, we assist over 2,500 people each year to recognize their strengths, achieve their goals and improve their lives. Griffin Centre promotes positive change for vulnerable youth and adults with mental health challenges and/or developmental disabilities and their families. We are dedicated to delivering innovative services and developing creative partnerships that enhance lives and communities.

The Position…

Griffin Centre is hiring a full-time employee within Youth/Family Support Services on a contract basis until March 31, 2015.

We are seeking a professional to provide a broad range of clinical services in to youth who have mental health concerns and/or have a dual diagnosis and their families, assessments, and counseling to individuals, families, and groups.

Working as a team member with other service providers, both external and internal to Griffin Centre, you will also provide service coordination to youth and families in navigating the children's services system.

The major position responsibilities include:

- Provide a range of clinical services (individual, parent, family, group) according to client needs
- Provide, in the role of service coordinator, leadership and administrative responsibility for the work of the service teams for assigned youth and families
- Provide service coordination, liaison, and service planning with community resources
- Advocate on behalf of youth and families
- Identify and advocate to address gaps in service identified through the work
- Participate in case presentations, and supervision (individual meetings and observation of work) on a regular basis
- Facilitate the development of collaborative service plans.
- Facilitation and chairing of community meetings.
- Identify and advocate addressing gaps in service identified through the work.
- Plan for flexible funding to provide individualized services and supports to respond to the complex needs of children/youth.
- Providing clinical consultation to service providers connected to clients

Your Qualifications…

We are interested in candidates with the following qualifications:

- M.S.W. or M.A., with at least 2 years of professional experience or combination of education and experience;
- Excellent assessment and intervention skills with youth and families;
- Solid experience providing clinical services to ethno-racially and culturally diverse youth and their families and a willingness to adapt services to meet client needs;
- Excellent crisis prevention skills and an ability to engage youth and tailor services to meet their needs and those of their families;
- A strength-based philosophy of service provision and a belief in the resiliency of youth;
- Ability to work a flexible schedule;
- A capacity to build and nurture working relationships with partner agencies;
- A self-starter with an ability to work independently, as well as within an established team structure;
- Above-average oral and written communication skills including report writing, excellent organizational abilities;
- Well-developed computer skills, including proficiency in *Microsoft* applications
- A valid driver's license and access to a reliable car with $1,000,000 P.L.& P.D. insurance coverage;
- Membership in the OCSWSSW and fluency in a second language are advantageous.

To Apply…

If you have the above qualifications and are ready to make a difference, please email your cover letter and resume to resume@griffin-centre.org, by January 16, 2014. Please quote file # 1-14.

Thank you for your interest in this position. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

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