ANDREW FLECK CHILDREN'S SERVICES JOB DESCRIPTION



JOB CLASS: Shelter Worker

JOB TITLE: Shelter Worker

LOCATION: Various Group Care Centres

REPORTS TO: EarlyON Team Leader

SUMMARY:

The Shelter Worker provides early learning and child care on site for mothers residing at Women's shelters in the Ottawa Area. They promote a positive, nurturing, developmentally appropriate, healthy and safe environment to meet the needs of children.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

To perform duties in accordance with the mission statement and core values of AFCS.

Early Learning and Care for the children

- 1. Provides a welcoming and nurturing environment by displaying affection, acceptance and support of each child; guides and assists children in planned activities, and models appropriate behaviours.
- 2. Develops and implements Programming plans with age/stage appropriate activities, games and crafts that interest the children.
- 3. Plays and engages with the children.
- 4. Proven ability to work closely with other team members
- 5. Demonstrates creativity and innovation in the time spent with the children; is self- motivated and enthusiastic in carrying out the duties
- 6. Implements a positive model/approach with Behaviour Guidance
- 7. Abides by the Shelter code of conduct and Andrew Fleck Child Care Services policies.
- 8. Maintains a safe and quality care environment for the children
- 9. Organizes and participates in appropriate outings for the children
- 10. Attends to global needs of children
- 11. Ensures provision of all required items for the day such as diapers, bottles, etc.

Communication

- 1. Regularly communicates with designated shelter staff at respective site for information, resources and support
- 2. Displays professionalism
- 3. Follows instructions
- 4. Provides STCC evaluation form for mothers to complete and return to STCC office
- 5. Provides the resident mothers with feedback on the day
- 6. Provides feedback on successes and challenges to the STCC office
- 7. Completes and faxes the stats report and time sheet to the STCC office when required
- 8. Other tasks as needed to ensure a clean and safe, quality care environment

QUALIFICATIONS

- Accumulation of three (3) to (6) months experience caring for children
- Current Standard First Aid and Infant CPR certification
- Clear Police Record Check (Vulnerable Sector) completed in the last 6 months
- Sensitivity and respect for individual and cultural differences
- Proven ability to work closely with other team members
- Adequate energy level and ability to meet the physical demands of the job
- Bending, lifting, walking, stooping/lifting up to 20 lbs.
- Strong interpersonal skills and understanding of confidentiality in women's shelters
- Ability to communicate effectively (both verbal and written)
- Understands the impact on children who are exposed to and/or have witnessed violence
- Bilingualism an asset