

SCHOOL DISTRICT #42
Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Aboriginal Child Care Worker **DATE:** February, 2007
PAY GRADE: **LOCATION:** District Wide

JOB SUMMARY:

As a member of the Aboriginal Education Team, supports Aboriginal students and their families in order that the student may have a successful school experience. Participates in planning, monitoring and implementing programs for Aboriginal students with mild to severe behavioural, emotional and/or social challenges. Manages and observes Aboriginal students for the purpose of assessment and acts as a liaison between the school, home and other resources. Works with Aboriginal students individually or in groups during and after school hours, on school premises, in students' home and in the community. The job will vary according to individual student needs.

DUTIES:

1. Develops a positive working relationship displaying trust, consistency and stability with students and their family members.
2. Collaborates with other staff members in planning, implementing and maintaining individual programs such as: life skills; job preparation; work experience; recreation; and leisure-time. Supports positive communication, emotional and social skills development.
3. Assists in the development and implementation of behavioural management programs and/or individual education plans.
4. Provides advise and guidance to students, individually or in groups, and parents and may refer students and/or parents to other appropriate agencies for additional help. Supports students and families in establishing, maintaining and achieving goals in home and community to encourage the process of positive social and emotional development.
5. Maintains liaison between home, school and other agencies.
6. Supports positive behaviour by explaining rules and expectations.
7. Plans, monitors and implements school-wide awareness campaigns and activities such as anti-smoking and drug awareness programs.
8. Demonstrates positive role modeling with students and parents.
9. Assists in the maintenance of records appropriate to the various programs; monitors student attendance and follows up on absentees.
10. Assists in the planning and organizing of field trips, class meetings and special events. Coordinates and implements specific ongoing skill building programs.

11. Provides consultation, professional development and workshops to staff and others, sharing areas of expertise.
12. Attends staff, team and other scheduled meetings. May participate in community and district committees.
13. May provide transportation for students.
14. Performs other assigned comparable duties which are within the scope of knowledge, skills and abilities required by this position.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, ABILITY AND SKILLS:

1. Successful completion of Grade 12 plus completion of the Child/Youth Care Worker Diploma program or equivalent experience.
2. Six (6) months of practical experience working directly with at-risk students.
3. A working knowledge of First Nations' cultures and experience in dealing with First Nations' youth.
4. Ability to work harmoniously as a member of an inter-disciplinary team.
5. Ability to work without direct supervision and to communicate effectively within a work environment requiring a high degree of courtesy, tact and maintenance of confidentiality.
6. Conflict resolution and life skills training.
7. Ability to intervene and diffuse potentially dangerous situations.
8. Familiarity with applicable social service agencies, programs, and resources.
9. A valid B. C. driver's license.

JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBER'S SIGNATURES:
