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Parent Peer Support Position in Tri-Cities

Lived Experience Required: Parent/Caregiver of youth/young adult with a Concurrent Disorder (Mental Health and Substance Use)

35/hrs week

Location: Work from home position within the communities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody (including Anmore and Belcara)

For 20 years, FamilySmart has been working in B.C. to enhance the quality and experiences of services, support and information families receive when seeking help for their child, youth or young adult with mental health challenges. We help children and young people by helping their family and other caring adults. We know children and young people do better when the adults who care about them are supported.

More About FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers:

Parent Peer Support Workers are parents and caregivers of children or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges. **For this role your personal parenting experience supporting a youth/young adult with a concurrent disorder is the primary requirement for this role.** Your experiences will help other families find comfort and feel less alone.

As a Parent Peer Support Worker, you will provide peer support in the Tri-Cities to families whose children, youth and young adults are experiencing difficulty with their mental health and/or with substance use.

Our Peer Support includes:

- Providing emotional support to families
- Sharing information and resources with families
- Offering knowledge/education to families
- Helping families navigate (find their way to) services
- Building on parent's strengths and offering hope
- Program Promotion and Community Engagement at local Events



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The FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker will support families in person, on the phone, by video chat, and email. Attend FamilySmart's monthly online events for parents and caregivers and host tables at in-person community events.

You do not need to be an expert in mental health and substance use, your family's experience is enough.

You:

- Are good at building relationships
- Make connections easily
- Demonstrate compassion and care to others
- Are able to work well with Service Providers in the community
- Are comfortable promoting and presenting on FamilySmart's Parent Peer Support Services.
- Have strong verbal and written skills
- Good working knowledge of Google Workspace, including gmail, calendar and docs
- Can pass a criminal records check
- Have the ability to work from a home office

FamilySmart provides excellent support, supervision and training and will help you learn and develop the skills that we have discovered help families and service providers work well together.

We invite you to apply, and to learn more about this unique role. Please send a cover letter and resume to Robin Brown, Director, HR at careers@familysmart.ca

Subject line: FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker: Tri-Cities

Please note that the assessment of applicants will be made on an ongoing basis and continue until a hire is made.

We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. FamilySmart is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Personnel are chosen on the basis of ability without regard to age, ancestry, colour, family status, marital status, physical or mental disability, place of origin, political belief, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and criminal conviction unrelated to employment.