



Birth Parent Counsellor Job Posting

JFJ Hope Centre (JFJ), founded in 1948, is a thriving organization with a passion for children and families in our community. Believing every life is precious and deserving of fulfillment, JFJ thrives to save, protect, and enhance life at its most vulnerable and to ensure each child has parents to provide nurture, protection and growth. With an emphasis on hope and compassion, JFJ offers parenting supports, crisis pregnancy counsel, adoption services and educational programs challenging youth to a higher moral standard and self-image.

JFJ Hope Centre Adoption Services has been facilitating private, domestic adoptions since 1986 within the province of Ontario.

We are currently seeking a caring, compassionate and skilled individual to join our team. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing Birth Parent Services to women and men considering private, voluntary adoption for their children. This is a part-time contract position.

Responsibilities:

- Providing support and education to birth parents exploring and/or pursuing an adoption plan for their child or expected child.
- Maintaining accurate documentation concerning all clients.
- Managing all aspects of a case for clients choosing adoption including, but not limited to:
 - Ensuring clients receive appropriate education and information regarding all aspects of adoption.
 - Ensuring the rights of both birth parents are respected.
 - Ensuring that accurate and complete social and medical histories are obtained.
 - Liaison with hospital staff regarding birth and placement plans.
 - Providing grief education and support to clients.
 - Accompany birth parents in initial meeting with adoptive couple.
 - Accompany birth parents to lawyer appointments for consent signing when required.
 - Providing post-adoption counseling, as requested by clients.
- Liaison with the provincial adoption unit and other adoption professionals as required
- Provide pre and post adoption grief support

Qualifications and skills:

- Possess a Bachelor of Social work, Master of Social Work or equivalent
- Experience in adoption services, child welfare or with a Crisis Pregnancy Centre
- A car, valid driver's license and ability to travel
- Strong social work and interpersonal skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Excellent communications skills, both written and verbal
- Work independently, self-motivated, ability to prioritize tasks
- Excellent administrative skills, record keeping
- Team player
- A commitment to JFJ Hope Centre vision, mission and values

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Advantages of becoming part of the JFJ Hope Centre team:

- Make a difference in the lives of children and their families
- Become part of a caring team committed to Building Families and Changing Lives.

Description: Part-time, Contract. Birth Parent Counsellors are contracted on a case by case basis. Birth Parent Counsellors are paid an hourly wage for client work, report writing, required meetings and travel.

Interested candidates: Please send a resume to helpline@jfjhopecentre.ca by August 18, 2017