
Caregiver – Respite Program - Lower Mainland, BC

**Please note this is an in-person, in-home, role with no remote work option available.*

***This position is located in Surrey, BC. While preference will be given to candidates residing in Surrey, applicants located in the Lower Mainland region will be considered.*

****Applicants with Indigenous Cultural Competency preferred*

The Children's Foundation Respite Program is seeking skilled Caregivers to provide weekend respite services to families who are caring for children and youth ages 0-18 years with complex needs such as Autism (potentially low functioning) and/or other developmental and behavioural conditions. Working as part of a team, Caregivers with the Respite Program have the opportunity to make a significant impact in the lives of high-needs children and youth.

The ideal candidate will have experience and a broad understanding of Autism/ADHD and/or FASD. The Children's Foundation is committed to providing culturally safe and competent care to Indigenous children and youth. We strongly encourage applicants with knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultures, traditions, and values to apply. Experience working with Indigenous communities and/or a willingness to learn and participate in cultural training is highly valued.

Caregivers will need to be vetted (SAFE home study) and trained according to the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) standards. There will be an integrated transition period between the family home and yours supported by Childcare Workers and a Program Coordinator. The Respite Caregiver should be willing to work collaboratively with all involved to meet the expectations of MCFD and to help the youth thrive.

The Caregiver (or one of two Caregivers) will need to be home full-time providing 24/7 supervision during the respite weekend. While the minimum commitment is only one weekend per month (48 hours, typically operating Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon,) there may be opportunities to provide care for additional youth, up to a maximum of three weekends per month. This allows you to provide much-needed respite to even more families while also expanding your caregiving experience. Compensation is \$500 each weekend of respite care.

If you, or someone you know, is willing to give at least one weekend/month to give a family much needed respite, we would like to meet you.

Please send your cover letter and resume attention to: Karim Suleman, Angie Casoria, or Helgi Rimmelg by fax or email: karim.suleman@childrens-foundation.org ; angie.casoria@childrens-foundation.org ; helgi.rimmelg@childrens-foundation.org

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