



## Employment Opportunity

# Youth Counsellor

## Learning to Lead (L2L) Program

### Regular Full Time

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PCRS is being funded by the National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC) to deliver a licensed, Leadership and Resiliency Program (LRP) for at-risk youth in Chilliwack. The LRP keeps participants engaged in school and helps improve attendance, academic performance and reduce behavioral and substance-related problems. Three required components of the LRP are weekly, in school resiliency group meetings; monthly learning/community-service events; and monthly alternative/adventure activities.

#### Position Summary:

The successful applicant will be engaging youth (ages 12 – 18) within the scope of resiliency group counseling, volunteer/service learning experiences, and adventure activities. The LRP involves students who are challenged by substance use, academic and/or disciplinary issues, and/or for other family risk factors.

Applicants will be skilled in: connecting with and counseling 'At Risk' youth, meeting NCP reporting requirements, collaborating with varied community partners and regional vendors to provide learning/service opportunities and adventure activities; working with SD 33 staff and administrators in all LRP phases, including facilitation of resiliency group meetings; leading and mentoring youth in community service and alternative adventure activities; and being the knowledgeable, passionate face of 'Learning to Lead' in linking with the public, program partners. Applicants must demonstrate an excellent level of written and verbal communication skills, organizational abilities, and demonstrate accuracy and attention to details.

#### Primary Duties:

- Plan, organize and run resilience groups for youth alongside L2L staff.
- Collaborate with counsellors and school staff to connect with youth.
- Administrative tasks including but not limited to: social media communication with youth, referral management, assessment recording, data input and storing, community communication through PowerPoint and other means.
- Implement, plan and facilitate monthly service projects and outdoor activities, alongside the Supervisor, with each group.
- Report and communicate regularly with Supervisor.
- Support Supervisor in exploring new ways to find sources of funding for the program.



**Academic and Job Experience Required:**

B.A. in related field (Social Work, Counselling) plus 1-2 years' experience working with at-risk or multi-barriered youth.

**Basic Requirements:**

- Criminal Records Check including the vulnerable sector
- Valid Emergency First Aid Certificate.
- Valid Class 4 Driver's License
- Use of own vehicle required with Business Insurance. Paid mileage.
- Driver's Abstract
- Flexible work schedule; evenings and some weekends.

**Desired Requirements:**

- Knowledge and understanding of the challenges of at-risk youth regarding their lifestyle, school, behavior & substance use.
- Ability to lead and facilitate groups of youth in school and community settings.
- Knowledge or experience with youth development strategies and programming. Trauma informed practice recommended.
- Problem solving and conflict management skills.
- Knowledge and experience of recreational outdoor activities, community-service projects and alternative/adventure activities, such as camping, whitewater rafting, climbing, hiking & skiing.
- Knowledge of and/or experience working with the public school system (grade 7 -12) and other Chilliwack service providers.
- Demonstrates ability to work with youth and adults, including parents, volunteers, secondary school teachers and other school staff, as well as other educational professionals.
- We require the candidate to be able to connect particularly with Aboriginal, newcomer, and LGBTQ2S\* youth, to ensure they feel safe, supported and connected.

**IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR:**

- Danny Gray, Supervisor, Learning to Lead Program

**Salary Range:** \$22.18/hour – \$25.25/hour, plus a comprehensive benefits package including pension

**Closing Date:** Close of business (4:30 pm) on February 22, 2017

**Send Cover Letter and Resume to:** [resumes@pcrs.ca](mailto:resumes@pcrs.ca)

ATTN: Danny Gray, Supervisor, Learning to Lead Program

Please quote "Youth Counsellor – L2L" on your cover letter and in the subject line of emails.

*Resumes without cover letters will not be accepted.*

Only those qualified for an interview will be contacted.

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