

## **We Never Say No. We Never Give up. We Never Turn Anyone Away.**

Wood's Homes is a multi-service, nationally accredited **non-profit children's mental health centre** based in Calgary. Today we have over 500 employees and provide more than 40 programs for 28,000 children and their families each year in Calgary, Lethbridge, Strathmore, and Fort McMurray.

Commitment to high-risk adolescents, challenged with some very tough issues, is not easy. These are the times when our frontline workers spring into action. The type of work we do requires quick thinking, confidence, forgiveness and persistence.

We are currently seeking a **Family Support Counsellor I or II** for the **Lethbridge A Way Home: Family and Natural Supports Program**. The Family and Natural Support Project focuses on strengthening relationships between vulnerable young people and their families/networks with a view of preventing, reducing and ending youth homelessness. Wood's Homes role would be to work with youth between 15-24 years old who may be homeless or at risk of homelessness due to family conflict/breakdown, violence, addictions or mental health problems within the family, school disengagement, unstable living conditions or other issues by working to mediate conflicts, strengthen relationships and assist in creating natural supports.

The Family Support Counsellor is responsible for the delivery of family support services to the children and families in the care of Wood's Homes.

This position reports to the Program Supervisor.

**RESPONSIBILITIES** include but are not limited to:

- Conducting needs assessment to identify individual, social, emotional, behavioral and academic requirements of the child and family.
- Developing treatment goals and case management strategies, in conjunction with program management.
- Liaising between the family, school, community and other professional groups and service providers.
- Advocates for the family and supports the development of a network of resources with the family, community and other professionals. Teaches families how to advocate for themselves.
- Providing training and counseling to children and families to address issues affecting the child's social/emotional/behavioral/academic progress.
- Participates in weekly supervision, case reviews, clinical rounds and team meetings to ensure effective delivery of Family Support services.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION:**

- Undergraduate degree in one of the Human Sciences, Child Care or related field.
- Two to four years' experience working with adolescents and families.
- In-home support experience preferred.
- Must have own transportation and be able to work flexible hours.
- Personal suitability is an important consideration.

Wood's Homes is proud to be awarded one of the 100 Best Places to Work in Canada for 2011 and 2012, as well as one of Canada's Best Workplaces for Women in 2011. We offer an exceptional benefits package including vision, dental, extended health, a generous Group Registered Pension Plan and a Computer Literacy Incentive Plan.

Please submit a resume to Wood's Homes – Human Resources Department (Parkdale Campus) via email to: [human.resources@woodshomes.ca](mailto:human.resources@woodshomes.ca). Please quote competition code '**Last Name, First Name, A Way Home, FSC**' in the subject line. We thank all applicants for their interest, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please visit us at [www.woodshomes.ca](http://www.woodshomes.ca) for more information about our organization.