



Education Liaison 35 Hours Per Week – Up to 1 year Contract

**For
Brant Family and Children's Services & The Children's Aid Society of Haldimand and Norfolk**

JOB POSTING #20-2018

Brant Family and Children's Services and The Children's Aid Society of Haldimand and Norfolk provide protection, prevention and counselling services to children and families in the Haldimand, Norfolk and Brant jurisdictions. They are funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who represents the communities that are served. Offices are located in Brantford and Townsend, Ontario.

The Education Liaison position is a shared position between the two organizations. The successful candidate will be working with children and youth who are in the care of either organization. Brant FACS and HN CAS engage with the same school boards.

Major Responsibilities:

- Advocate for the educational needs of children and youth in care.
- Provide support to improve the educational outcomes of children and youth in care.
- Provide and coordinate education support that reflects the diverse cultural needs of the identified children and youth.
- Act as a navigator for eligible children and youth within the school system and help to resolve issues that impact student learning.
- Provide consultations to guide, counsel and support child protection staff in planning for the educational needs of children.
- Meet with eligible children and youth and supporting adults (e.g. caregivers, teachers, counsellors, case workers), which may occur in educational or community based settings.
- Resolve issues that impact learning, and strengthen relationships between societies and Boards of Education.
- Represent the agency in meetings with community partners to develop required initiatives to expand the educational outcomes for children.
- Work with school boards to determine student transportation needs.
- Facilitate timely exchange of information between schools and the Society in accordance with the Joint Protocol for Student Achievement (JPSA).
- Facilitate access to existing educational supports and resources in the school system or community by providing information and referrals that address individual needs and reinforce strengths.
- Leverage existing resources in child welfare and education system through referrals and collaboration.
- Provide training to child welfare staff and/or caregivers.
- Recommend procedures and practices that will enhance education planning for children.
- Foster communication and linkages with community agencies/organizations to improve access and mitigate barriers to educational services and supports.
- Informs staff of educational opportunities available within the community.
- Build system capacity among society and educational staff on how to better meet the educational needs of children.
- Maintain service statistics.
- Other duties assigned.

Key Qualifications:

- Minimum of five (5) years of experience working from an educational framework with children and youth.
- University degree and an Ontario Teaching Certificate with knowledge of the Educational Act and special education services.
- Strong knowledge of the current educational system.
- Knowledge of The Education Act and special education services is required.
- Demonstrated leadership.
- Management experience within educational administration an asset.
- Knowledge of child welfare an asset.
- Experience and demonstrated understanding of working with marginalized youth as well as a clear understanding of their experience negotiating independence, poverty and familial stress.
- Demonstrated interest in children with special educational needs.
- Excellent verbal communication skills with demonstrated ability to write clear concise reports, computer literate, and the ability to meet deadlines and other administrative requirements.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships.
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team.
- A satisfactory Police Records Check is required.

Start Date: To be determined
Date of Posting: **September 13, 2018**
Closing Date: **September 24, 2018 (4:30 pm)**

Applications, including covering letter and resume, should be forwarded to:

Employment.Opportunities@cashn.on.ca

Please reference job posting number in the subject line of your email.

Brant Family and Children's Services and The Children's Aid Society of Haldimand and Norfolk are committed to anti-oppressive values of equity, inclusion and respect. We value a diverse workforce and encourage applications from qualified individuals with varied backgrounds. We are committed to creating an accessible environment for all. Please let us know if you have any accommodation needs. We thank all applicants; however, only those considered for interviews will be contacted