



Part-time District Mental Health Outreach Coordinator – SD 10 (Arrow Lakes)

School District 10, in the beautiful West Kootenay region of southeastern BC seeks a **part-time Mental Health Outreach Coordinator** – from September 5, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

We're looking for an **enthusiastic and innovative leader** with a strong background in community services and/or health or mental health to lead and coordinate mental health program initiatives in the out of school-time hours in all six district schools.

Three key initiatives form the focus for our Mental Health Outreach Coordinator:

1. Create, implement, and coordinate programs targeting youth mental health in out of school hours through a variety of programs and services.
2. Liaise and coordinate with schools, community organizations and community services to provide mental health and drug and alcohol prevention education to students and their families.
3. Work with students and their families to have better access to school and community services and support around mental health and well-being.

The Mental Health Outreach Coordinator will support school leaders and staff in creating 'made-to-fit' solutions for the four main communities that make up our district. The Coordinator will work with local agencies, non-profit societies, community partners and schools along with the district's Indigenous Education Advisory Council to create and coordinate specific programs that target youth in the out of school-time hours.

Drugs and alcohol comprises another focus area. The Coordinator will develop an understanding of the scope of drug and alcohol issues in our communities, and work alongside our educators, school leaders, students and parents, as well as local and regional health partners. Taking an active role in providing service, the Coordinator will enhance education and harm reduction strategies for our students.

Promoting Mental Health is the third aim of the Coordinator's role. The successful candidate will provide specific training, and support current mental health programming, while collaboratively developing strategies to enhance mental health and wellness in our school communities.

Finally, the Coordinator's role encompasses providing support and education for parents. We aim to engage more parents in discussions on a variety of health topics of importance to them.

We have a great team of teachers, support staff, parents, students, and community to work alongside. SD 10 is a respected innovator in place-conscious learning, environmental education, personalized learning, project-based learning and student inquiry. Strong academic achievement, equity, and student success is at our core.

Qualifications and Attributes:

- A Bachelor's degree in social work, health or education, and experience leading alongside educators and parents
- Solid experience working collaboratively with community agencies and Ministry partners
- Experience creating and coordinating out of school programming for youth
- Experience with mental health programming/addictions/trauma-based counselling
- Demonstrated confidence in managing risk assessments of referred students/families
- Outstanding relationship, collaboration, and team-building skills
- Strong conflict management skills, and proven excellent working relationships with parents and community
- Community-minded; eager to be involved in the whole school community
- A vision for healthy community and making a difference together
- Highly effective communication, organizational, and report-writing skills

This is a 10-15 hour/week contract position at \$35.00/hour. Please submit your resume and cover letter including three current professional references, by email or mail no later than Noon, Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

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Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.