

# HOME VISITOR

## Athabasca/Rochester/Calling Lake 35 Hours per week

### **The Position:**

Provide early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and in-home family support services. Responsible for optimizing the home environment for the purpose of enhancing the physical and emotional well-being of children (prenatally to 6 years old) and their families. Assist in the strengthening of caregiver-child relationships, promotion of healthy childhood growth and development outcomes, and encourage safe home environments. Services are provided in the home and are long-term, structured, family-centred, and strengths-based. Serve as a coach, giving support and encouragement to caregivers and their families, to help raise healthy children using a developmental approach that supports positive caregiver-child interactions and relationships.

### **What you'll do:**

- Working from your home, travel to families' homes throughout Athabasca and area to provide service
- Establish trusting relationships with clients, their family, and support network
- Assess strengths and needs in order to help create service plans and strategies to support the healthy development of the family
- Work with a strength based, relational, harm reduction approach
- Utilize screens, assessments, and observation to guide service plan
- Provide confidential, emotional, and practical support to parents and caregivers
- Connect families with other service providers and resources to improve their health and well-being
- Advocate, as necessary, for clients to obtain the necessary supports for an improved quality of life, including basic needs, health, housing, transportation, legal, and income supports
- Document all activities accurately and according to procedure
- Transport clients to access services if necessary

### **Necessities for Success:**

- Compassionate with a positive and empathetic approach to others
- Diploma in Social or Human Services, with relevant experience or equivalencies considered
- Experience working with individuals and families with complex needs
- Respect for the diversity of cultural differences and beliefs
- Knowledge of community resources
- Understanding of how to set professional boundaries
- Ability to maintain computerized files and documentation
- Current Child Welfare Record Check and Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check
- Valid driver's license with a reliable car will be required

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