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**PART-TIME POSITIONS FOR
AUTISM INTERVENTIONISTS**

**COMPETITION #02-2010 (Autism Interventionists)
(Please quote competition number with all applications)**

Job/Program description:

These positions involve working with children and youth who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and providing support to parents.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of a college diploma in human services or a related field, or the equivalent combination of education and experience is typically required for these positions.
- At least six months' experience working with children/youth and/or adults with autism. Previous direct, community-based program delivery experience in the community living services sector with a demonstrated working knowledge of community resources is preferred.
- Must have an operational, insurable vehicle.

Hours

Hours per week will vary. Preference will be given to applicants with flexible availability (available after school hours, evenings and weekends).

Starting Date

As and when required

Length of Term

Determined by need for service.

Rate of Pay

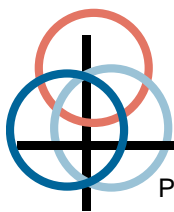
At least \$17.58 per hour plus 10.2% in lieu of vacation and stat pay

Submission of Applications:

Applications for these positions are accepted on an on-going basis.

- ❖ These positions require union membership and are open to male and female applicants except where bona fide occupational requirements prevent it. Employees are required to use his/her automobile in the performance of his/her duties. Evening and weekend work can be expected. Must be in possession of standard first aid training, including CPR.
- ❖ CAFCA is developing a "bank of interventionists" to be available to serve parents of children and youth with autism. The number of interventionists hired will be determined by need for service.
- ❖ **CAFCA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.**

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JOB DESCRIPTION: AUTISM INTERVENTIONIST (AI)

Job title: Autism Interventionist

Job summary: Provides social programs to children and youth diagnosed within the range of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Services provided include crisis intervention, behavioural management, life skills training, either on a one-to-one basis or in a group environment

Reports to: Executive Director

Key duties and responsibilities

1. Assists the Program Representative and Program Coordinator with helping parents assess program requirements for their children/youth.
2. Monitors and reports on child/youth's progress and well being and assist in evaluating the effectiveness of programs. Provides suggestions for the modification of program plans.
3. Recognizes potential crisis situations, analyzes such situations accurately, develops strategies to deal with such situations and informs the executive director when such incidents arise.
4. Provides emotional support and feedback to families served. Assists clients in attending one-to-one activities and group sessions. Provides transportation when necessary
5. Provides life skills and behaviour management support to children/youth served. Facilitates physical, recreational, social and educational activities. Provides clients with a positive role model
6. Maintains necessary case notes for each interchange with families served and keeps parents informed of progress. Ensure that all required documentation is accurate and complete.
7. Identifies social, economic, recreational and educational services in the community that will meet child/youth's needs. Maintain liaison with other agencies, professionals, government officials and the community
8. Participates in peer supervision groups to ensure progress is reviewed, appropriate program changes are considered and quality is assured
9. Performs other duties as required.

Qualifications:**Education, training and experience:**

A diploma in human services or a related field, or the equivalent combination of education and experience is typically required for this position.

At least three months' experience working with children/youth and/or adults with autism. Previous direct, community-based program delivery experience in the community living services sector with a demonstrated working knowledge of community resources is preferred.

Job skills and abilities:

1. Good written and verbal communication skills.
2. Demonstrated ability to teach skills and work effectively with others.
3. Knowledge of theory, principles and practices with autism.
4. Good time and general management skills.
5. Effective interpersonal communication skills.

Additional information:

This position is required to work in a stressful environment often dealing with children and youth with challenging behaviour. The ability to function independently and frequently under pressure and managing emergency situations is an ongoing expectation for this position. Direct delivery of program activities may require a moderate level of physical fitness (i.e.- walking, standing, bending, and lifting to effectively carry out the duties of the position)