



**POSITION TITLE: Child and Youth Outreach Worker**

**LOCATION: MLSE LaunchPad 259 Jarvis St and 65 Wellesley St E.**

**POSITION TYPE: Part-time fixed term contract (22.5 h/w)**

**Term: February 4, 2019 to November 4, 2019**

**POSTING CLOSING DATE: January 14, 2019**

Skylark is looking for an energetic and dedicated Child and Youth Outreach Worker to support our counselling program housed at the MLSE LaunchPad, located at 259 Jarvis St. The successful applicant will provide support and mentorship to children and youth in the community at MLSE LaunchPad - a first-of-its-kind, purpose-built new facility with a bold vision to connect physical and mental health, while reducing the stigma associated with seeking help for mental health issues. More specifically the successful applicant will be primarily embedded in a restorative justice initiative between Skylark, Peacebuilders Canada and Yonge Street Mission. This position has the potential to become full-time regular.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Outreach to Peacebuilders and Yonge Street Mission youth to increase active engagement and connection with the Individual and Family Therapists onsite.
- Participate in Peacebuilders Restorative Youth Circles for justice-involved youth aged 12 – 18.
- Participate in the program orientation process and help to facilitate mental health and wellbeing workshops to young people engaged with Peacebuilders and Yonge Street Mission programming.
- Promote wellbeing and wellness by providing information and mentoring on effective ways to manage mental health symptoms through various platforms, including but not limited to in-school workshops.
- Advocate for youth and families (when necessary), ensuring access to necessary programs and services within the community.
- Engage parents whenever possible and other family members and/or community supports, when appropriate.
- Become an active member of the MLSE LaunchPad community.
- Complete all clinical reports and other documentation and activities according to agency requirements and standards.
- Comply with agency policies and procedures, paying particular attention to ensuring that client and staff confidentiality is strictly enforced.
- Adhere to the organizational health and safety policies and practices long with the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act. This includes but is not limited to ensuring safe workplace practices, protecting the health and safety of themselves and others and maintaining cleanliness in the workplace.
- Other related duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE:**

- C.Y.W., S.S.W., B.S.W or equivalent.
- Registered (or eligible for registration) with relevant professional body.
- Experience working with children and youth, preferably in a sports/community setting.
- Knowledge of and experience working with youth experiencing mental health issues, self-harm, trauma, eating disorders, substance use, learning disabilities., suicidal thoughts etc.

- Experience with/lived experience of oppression, racism, homophobia, transphobia and/or ableism and/or personal connection to queer or trans communities of color, including newcomer and disability communities will be an asset for applicants.
- Knowledge of restorative justice practices is a strong asset.
- Ability to demonstrate and work through a lens of sensitivity to diversity related to race, religion, culture, cognitive functioning, poverty, sexual orientation and gender identity, etc.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills; ability to work in a multi-disciplinary environment exercising professional judgement in conflictual and stressful situations.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Satisfactory police clearance under the Vulnerable Sector Check program.

**TO APPLY:**

**Interested applicants are invited to submit both their cover letter and resume in only PDF or Microsoft word format to Shawnette Thompson, at [hr@skylarkyouth.org](mailto:hr@skylarkyouth.org) on or before January 14, 2019.**

Please refrain from pasting the cover letter to the body of the email.

**Please quote: Child and Youth Outreach Worker – MLSE LaunchPad** in the subject line.

Skylark is strongly committed to a workforce that reflects the diversity of the populations we serve. We encourage applications from all qualified individuals including applicants from all cultures, racialized communities, abilities, diverse sexual and gender identities and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. We are committed to a selection process and work environment that is inclusive and barrier free.

We ask applicants to make any accommodation requests for the interview or selection process known in advance by contacting the Human Resources Department at (416) 482-0081 ext.278.

Human Resources will work together with the hiring committee to arrange reasonable and appropriate accommodation for the selection process which will enable you to be assessed in a fair and equitable manner.