



## **Life Skills Program Youth Support Worker**

Aunt Leah's Place is a non-profit organization that helps prevent children in foster care from becoming homeless and mothers in need from losing custody of their children. To support them on their journey to self-sufficiency, we provide supported housing, job training, and coaching on essential life skills

We are seeking a full time Youth Support Worker to join our team. This is an immediate opportunity of 30 hours a week.

This position is funded through Employment and Social Development Canada. To apply and participate in this funded ESDC program, applicants must be:

- Between the ages 15 and 30 (inclusive) at the time of selection
- Canadian citizen or
- Permanent resident or
- Person granted with refugee status in Canada
- Legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations
- Not in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits

**Job Summary:** This Youth Support Worker position will provide one to one support to the youth accessing the Link Agreement with Young Adults (AYA) Life Skills Program. This position will provide support in the tracking and navigation of the life skills program, establishing and maintenance of Individualized Development plans ensuring youth are meeting the life skills program requirements in order to receive AYA funding. This position will work collaboratively with a team of Aunt Leah's staff to maintain this new life skills program.

- **Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) Life Skills Program.** AYA provides financial assistance directly to young adults, from age 19 up to their 27th birthday, who were previously in care with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD). These young adults can apply to the AYA program for financial assistance to complete high school, attend post-secondary or a vocational training program, complete a rehabilitative program, or attend an accredited Life Skills Program. Recent changes within the AYA system have broadened age eligibility, increased funding per participant, and **expanded the program to include the aforementioned life skills training.** The Link AYA Life Skills Program at Aunt Leah's Place is a new and attainable AYA entry point for youth from foster care; reducing poverty and increasing opportunities for young people.

**Reports to:** Community Engagement Coordinator

### **Qualifications:**

- Post-secondary Child and Youth Care Diploma or equivalent with a minimum of one year experience in providing support to youth in and from care or a relevant combination of education and experience combined with general suitability.



**Skills and Knowledge:**

- Ability to work within a trauma informed lens
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to follow and implement program policies and procedures
- Interpersonal skills and Team work Skills
- Multicultural / sensitivity awareness
- Problem -Solving/ Reasoning /Creativity
- Crisis Management/Conflict resolution Skills
- Report Writing & Documentation

**Requirements:**

- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check with Police Information Check from local RCMP
- A valid BC Class 5 driver's license and access to a vehicle
- Proof of vehicle business insurance and \$5 million liability
- Clear Driver's Abstract
- First Aid with CPR ( can be obtained within 1 month of hiring)
- Non- Violent Crisis Intervention ( can be obtained within 3 months of hiring)
- Ability to work flexible hours

***Key Duties & Responsibilities:***

- Attend intakes and info sessions with Community Engagement Coordinator
- Track youth's program hours and attendance
- Have regular check-ins and scheduled meetings with youth to establish an Individualized Development plan
- Liaise and collaborate with Aunt Leah's key programs and partners
- Liaise and work collaboratively with the Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD) AYA social workers
- Support youth in and from care transitioning to AYA
- Work with youth from a strength based approach to create and define an individualized life skills program schedule to meet their short and long term goals
- Maintain tracking of social and financial outcomes.
- Work with youth minimally one day a week at Seymour office location

This position may be required to perform other related duties that do not affect the nature of the work.

**We Offer:**

- Comprehensive benefit package including: dental, extended health with vision care and prescriptions, long-term disability plan, Employee Assistance Program, discount at our Thrift Store, personal time package, and RRSP after 1 year of employment.
- Professional Development
- Collaborative and supportive work environment
- This is a full time regular opportunity (37.5 hours a week).



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## JOB POSTING

**Salary:** Commensurate with qualifications.

**How to apply:** Interested and qualified applicants are invited to email your resume with a cover letter to: [hr@auntleahs.org](mailto:hr@auntleahs.org). You may also apply on our website at [www.auntleahs.org](http://www.auntleahs.org). We thank all applicants in advance. Short listed applicants will be contacted for interview.