



Children's Development Centre

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JOB POSTING

Starbright Children's Development Centre is situated in Kelowna, British Columbia, in the heart of the beautiful Okanagan Valley. Our agency's legacy was inspired by a group of parents and a local pediatrician who united to create an organization that had one goal in mind – support for the achievement of family-centred goals in a safe and inclusive environment. Starbright embraces fifty-seven years of family-centred practice staying true to its roots – delivering therapies and services to children with development delays based on the support needs of families.

Starbright is committed to hiring based on merit and encourages applications from all persons, congruent with the principles of the Human Rights Code of British Columbia. Hiring on merit ensures that we have a strong, neutral workforce that can provide excellent service to our clients. Our application and hiring processes are non-partisan, fair, consistent, and transparent.

We acknowledge with respect and humility the land on which we work is the unceded territory of the Syilx (Okanagan) People

Starbright Children's Development Centre has the following job opening:

Occupational Therapy Assistant .8 Full-time

This posting period runs from November 15, 2024 – November 28, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Start date is negotiable. It is a union position, requiring union membership enrolment, and follows the *Community Social Services General Collective Agreement*.

Through a family centred, culturally safe, and trauma informed approach, under the direct supervision of a licensed Occupational Therapist (OT), the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) delivers assigned occupational therapy services in the areas of self-care, productivity, and leisure. This includes working with the child, the family, and assisting in group activities. The Occupational Therapy Assistant is responsible for keeping the supervising Occupational Therapist apprised of progress and/or challenges and ensures that no service delivery changes are enacted until the supervising Occupational Therapist assigns them. The Occupational Therapy Assistant will communicate in a professional, transparent manner, consistent with the policies and procedures of Starbright.

In addition, the Occupational Therapy Assistant will ensure that assigned documentation is up to date. Preparing materials for use in therapies, home programs, classrooms, and other environments is part of the job description. Tasks assigned may also be general, non-specific, related to services provided to children from birth to kindergarten entry.

The hours of work are four days a week, seven hours a day, as assigned. Client and location may vary. Starbright is closed on all provincial and federal statutory holidays. In addition, Starbright closes for two weeks during the holiday season so that staff may enjoy time with their families.

Occupational Therapy Assistants at Starbright participate in ongoing professional development dedicated to enhancing networking and collaboration, and to keep up to date on the latest skills and abilities in service delivery and community of practice. All new staff are provided with mentorship, and professional development is an ongoing component of the position. New grads are welcome to apply.

The rate of pay for this position ranges from \$29.17 per hour up to \$33.49 as determined by union classification. Upon qualification, a benefit package will be provided in accordance with the *General Services Collective Agreement*. Benefit packages currently include Extended Health, Dental, EFAP, AD&D, Group Life and Long-Term Disability. The premiums are 100% paid by the Employer when the criteria have been met. Spouse and/or dependents may also be included on the benefit plan. There are twelve paid sick days a year pro-rated based on hours worked.

In addition, employees who qualify will be enrolled in the Municipal Pension Plan. This requires both an employee contribution and an employer contribution as pre-determined by the Pension Plan Board.

Here is a summary of qualifications needed for this position:

- Completion of a recognized therapy assistant diploma program from a recognized accredited community college or university. The program must include a clinical component practicum that covers core competencies.
- Experience with children in early intervention (birth to school age) is preferred.
- Valid current First Aid Certificate
- Employment in this position is contingent upon a successful Criminal Record Check. As per the *Criminal Records Review Act*, "Individuals working with children or vulnerable adults directly or potentially have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults must authorize a Criminal Record Check for their employer or authorized organization."

Please submit your letter of interest & resume to the attention of: Terri Nakayama, Human Resources via email, humanresources@starbrightokanagan.ca

We appreciate and thank all applicants for their interest, however only short-listed candidates will be contacted.