

Position: Project Coordinator for the Youth Participation Expansion Project

<u>Job Type:</u> Contract, averaging 10 hours per week for one year

<u>Compensation:</u> \$28.09 - \$30.27/hr, based on experience <u>Location:</u> Remote with some in person activities required

Estimated Start Date: September 1st 2024 or earlier if possible

Project Background:

The <u>BC Family Justice Innovation Lab</u> (FJIL - initiator of Youth Voices), and the <u>Transform the Family Justice System Collaborative</u> ((TFJS Collaborative) take new approaches to family justice innovation and system change in BC. Both believe that children and youth voices matter and should be heard more in the family justice system. They define the family justice system to include, not just the court system, but all services and processes touching children, youth and families who are experiencing family justice issues, such as parental separation and divorce, or child protection.

Together, the FJIL and the TFJS Collaborative successfully applied for funding from the Representative for Children and Youth (an important partner in the Collaborative) to create the Youth Participation Expansion Project. The Project Coordinator will play a fundamental role in working with Youth Voices and the TFJS Collaborative to support the Youth Participation Expansion Project.

Job Summary:

The Project Coordinator for the Youth Participation Expansion Project will report to the Collaborative Lead in consultation with the Coordinator of the FJIL. The Project Coordinator will organize and implement project activities, including events that promote the common interest of Youth Voices and the TFJS Collaborative. The Project Coordinator will work collaboratively with those involved in Youth Voices and the TFJS Collaborative to recruit children and youth and increase and strengthen their involvement and engagement in influencing system change to promote meaningful participation of children and youth.

Responsibilities and Duties:

The Project Coordinator's activities may include the following:

- Engaging directly with youth in Youth Voices and TFJS Collaborative activities;
- Building on existing Youth Voices and TFJS Collaborative networks;
- Building relationships with youth serving agencies and professionals;

- Connecting to youth and youth networks using social media;
- Exploring creative ways to recruit and sustain engagement of youth in Youth Voices, the TFJS Collaborative and other related family justice activities; and
- Supporting efforts to find new funding for these activities.

Project Deliverables for which the Project Coordinator will share responsibility:

- Increased numbers and diversity of children and youth involved in Youth Voices, various aspects of the TFJS Collaborative, and other related justice sector activities; and
- Mechanisms in place to support a continuous flow of new youth and the development of new leadership as youth move onto other things in their lives.

Qualifications:

- Experience working with children and youth;
- Experience with project coordination or the equivalent lived experience;
- Capacity to work with people from diverse backgrounds;
- Knowledge of systemic barriers for children and youth in having their voices heard;
- A strong understanding of the colonial history of Canada and its impact on Indigenous youth, children and families;
- Self-motivation with the ability to work independently;
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate and work well in a team setting
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills;
- Strong skills in digital communication tools including social media;
- Available to work a flexible schedule, including some evenings and weekends.

<u>To Apply:</u> Provide a cover letter with a current resume describing how you meet or exceed the above-noted qualifications. Applications will be accepted up to July 15, 2024. Direct questions and send applications to Kari Boyle – <u>kari@bcfjil.ca</u>. Please note that we will not respond to all applications, only those we select for interviews.

We value the diverse lived experience you bring to the position, and recognize it as equivalent to other qualifications. We note that it is your choice about whether and to what degree information is provided. We will hold your application in the strictest confidence, sharing it only with the hiring panel.