



**WJS Canada Job Posting Alert:** Youth Worker - Job ID J0222-0092

**Organization:** WJS Canada

**Job Title:** Youth Worker

**Job Type:** Permanent, Full-Time

**Location:** Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

**Hours of Work Per Week:** 32+

**Scheduled Days Each Week:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

**Scheduled Hours:** Tuesday to Saturday (Day/Evenings)

**Number of Positions:** 1

**Compensation:** \$19.4400 - \$0.0000 /Hour

**Closing Date:**

**Description:**

The Program  
Program 603 Cardinal Cottage

Spirit of Our Youth homes provide culturally-based programming, support and safe, home-based accommodations to First Nations, Metis or Inuit children and youth age 3 to 24. Our trauma-informed services empower those we serve and help foster community connections with honesty, compassion and respect.

Our well-maintained homes are located in safe, established neighborhoods. Close to schools, playgrounds and easy access to transportation, our homes are part of the community and create a welcoming environment. We provide healthy routines, a monthly clothing allowance, recreational opportunities and transportation.

Traditional Indigenous teachings can empower youth to make strong connections with family and community. Each youth has access to a cultural coordinator who provides individual support and cultural opportunities including monthly sweats, weekly sharing circles, smudging, pipe ceremonies, feasts, dances, traditional healing, languages and access to community Elders and Cultural Helpers.

**The Position**

For youth, reconnecting to their indigenous culture can be a powerful way to heal from past traumas and to envision a stronger, healthier future. In safe, nurturing environment, our trained youth workers build individualized programs that teach basic skills and help youth set and achieve personal goals. With positive role-modeling and a trauma-informed approach to care, we help them plan for their future, create healthy relationships with their

families & communities and focus on the personal empowerment found through a connection with indigenous culture.

#### In Your Role You Will

- Build supportive and professional relationships with youth.
- Support youth with developing and achieving personal goals, using a strength-based and harm reduction approach.
- Teach age-appropriate life skills such as; communication, emotional well being, problem solving, cooking, cleaning, budgeting, being a positive role model, etc.
- Lead programming and activities promoting social/emotional /physical development to build competence and self-worth and achieve personal goals.
- Ensure individuals basic needs are met (personal care, life skills and social/occupational skills)
- Daily household tasks at the residence/program facility (May include cleaning, laundry or assisting the youth in care with the completion of these tasks, etc.)
- Drive children/youth to and from school, medical appointments, recreational activities, community resources and support networks.
- Plan, support and/or deliver culturally appropriate programs, services, workshops, and outings; encouraging youth to learn and participate in their culture.
- Contribute toward design, implementation and evaluation of individual service plans, program specific policies & procedures.

COVID-19: Please be aware that governments and/or funders within our service sectors are mandating services be provided by employees that are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Proof of vaccination will be required at time of hiring.

**\*\*\* Prior to confirmation of employment all applicants must provide a current (dated within 6 months of hiring date) Criminal Record Check and Ministry Check. These checks can take up to 6 weeks to obtain, please ensure you prepare accordingly.**

#### As An Ideal Candidate You Possess

- Experience working with youth in a variety of settings and across cultures, and with Indigenous youth in particular, is an asset
- 2 years' experience in group homes, shelters, youth programming and/or supported independent living.
- Degree, Diploma or Certificate in Social Work, Child and Youth Work, other social services, Education, Sociology or Psychology Degree
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License and clean driver's abstract with personal car insurance (2 million in third party liability)
- Must be able to deal with any crisis situations.
- First Aid/CPR Certificate
- Suicide Intervention, Self Harm, Crisis Intervention and Medication Administration training
- Aboriginal awareness and cultural diversity training
- Follow Spirit of Our Youth Homes Inc. policies and procedures and adhere to Alberta Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act.
- Knowledge of the Canadian Accreditation Council of Human Services
- Able to lift 50 lbs.

#### What WJS Canada does

Spirit of Our Youth started in 2000 out of a passion for helping indigenous youth. From one home we have grown to 5 Group Care Homes, a Supported Independent Living program, as

well as a Drive and Supervised Visits program.

In 2013, Spirit of our Youth became part of WJS Canada, the largest privately-owned national social services company in Canada. While operating autonomously, Spirit has full access to the extensive WJS Canada resources.

Our Employees Enjoy

- Generous Dental & Health (incl. Vision) benefit packages for employees working 30+hrs/wk
- Safe, respectful and caring team environment
- Professional and career development training programs
- Flexible hours

For more information on Spirit of Our Youth and WJS Canada or to apply for this position, visit our website at [www.spirit youth.ca](http://www.spirit youth.ca).

No telephone calls please. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be notified.

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**Skills:**

- Aboriginal
- Aboriginal Awareness
- Aboriginal culture
- Aboriginal language
- Abuse protocol
- Child and youth care
- Child and Youth Care Diploma
- Child Care Worker
- Child protection
- Child, Youth And Family Enhancement Act
- Crisis Intervention
- Medication Administration
- Social Service
- Social Service Worker Diploma
- Social Work
- Social Work Diploma
- Supported Independent Living
- Youth Worker

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