

**Prince George & District ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY
Baby's New Beginnings Pregnancy Outreach Program
Family Support Worker
Job Description**

Job Summary:

Gathers information on and assess family functioning problems. Develops and implements intervention plans within program guidelines. Provides referrals, support, guidance and problem solving to clients to address issues related to family functioning. Provides parenting skill building, emotional support and feedback to clients.

Reports to: Family Program's Manager

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provides pregnant women with the relevant information and lifestyle support they require to increase the probability of a healthy pregnancy, with the goal of improving maternal and infant health.
- Completes electronic files, intakes and record keeping
- Facilitates groups as required.
- Consults with program manager, and nurse re: client status and case planning.
- Engages with the philosophy and services consistent with the BC Pregnancy Outreach Guidelines specific to healthy eating and active living, harm reduction, breastfeeding, and access to health care.
- Supporting early parenting skill enhancement.
- Provides one on one counselling.
- Advocates for clients with other community resources upon their request and where appropriate, makes referrals to community agencies as required.
- Organizes access to nutritious food for program participants.
- Participates in evaluation of program, as requested.
- Attends meetings relevant to the program, as required.
- Ensures that the Baby's New Beginnings Pregnancy Outreach Program is well known in the community through networking, advertising, and other program promotion strategies.
- Reviews client files, intake assessments and identified risk factors.
- Performs other related duties, as required.

Qualifications:

Education, Training and Experience:

The minimum requirements for this position are

Bachelor's degree in a related human / social service field.

One (1) year recent related experience in the social services sector with a working knowledge of high-risk pre and post-natal women.

Or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience

Knowledge of early childhood development an asset

Valid BC driver's license and a vehicle in good working condition

Skills Required:

- Good interpersonal communication, oral and written skills
- Demonstrated working knowledge of high risk pre and post natal women
- Knowledge of early childhood development.
- Solid understanding of a harm reduction approach
- Understanding of issues related to high risk, marginalized pregnant and newly parenting women and their babies.
- Ability to work effectively with other program staff and community partners.
- Ability to work independently and be a team player
- Good organization and time management skills
- Proficient computer skills