



Canada Summer Job Opportunity

Position: Counselling Intern

*Please note position is dependent on the approval of funding from Services Canada.

Contract dates: May 6 to August 23

Number of Hours: 560 (16 weeks)

Wage Rate: \$18.00 per hour

Schedule: 35 hours per week, Monday – Friday.

The standard work hours are from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, although there may be occasions when flexibility is required to meet the organization's needs.

Please note that this position has been posted for a role that may be made available through the Canada Summer Jobs grant; eligibility includes all youth aged 15-30 and is not restricted to students.

Gillian's Place

As one of the first shelters of its kind in Ontario, Gillian's Place brings over 45 years of experience and expertise in gender-based violence service in Niagara. Since 1977, we have grown from an eight-bed emergency shelter to a multi-site provider of free and confidential services that support women, children, genderqueer, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary individuals escaping the cycle of violence and abuse. Today, these services include a 34-bed emergency shelter, second-stage housing, a 24/7 phone or text crisis support line, safety planning, expert counselling, child and youth programs, legal advice and support, education and violence prevention programs, and a transitional housing and support program.

Position Summary and Responsibilities

The Counseling Intern will offer comprehensive assistance to the shelter's daily operations, aiding women, children, genderqueer, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary individuals in breaking free from cycles of violence and abuse. Responsibilities will involve:

- Screening crisis phone calls and text messages.
- Supporting counselors in their duties.
- Assisting in scheduling client appointments.
- Facilitating group programs.
- Orienting clients to the shelter's facilities.
- Organizing donated items.
- Performing light housekeeping tasks.
- Undertaking administrative duties including data entry and file management.

What you need to succeed:

- Are non-judgmental and client-centred
- Possess knowledge of gender-based violence issues and understand the effects on children who have witnessed abuse.
- Handle stressful situations calmly, make crucial decisions, and effectively solve problems.
- Exercise sound judgment in assessing risks.



- Display organizational skills, attention to detail, and professionalism.
- Demonstrate excellent assessment and reporting abilities.
- Contribute positively to a professional and supportive team environment.
- Uphold strict confidentiality regarding job and organizational matters.
- Support ongoing team development and improvement efforts.

Qualifications Required:

- Pursuing or have completed a post-secondary degree in Social Service Work, Health/Community Sciences, Mental Health and Addictions, Women and Gender Studies, Psychology, Social Work, or other relevant programs of study
- First Aid/CPR Certification
- Vulnerable Sector Police Check

Gillian's Place is an equal-opportunity employer. We encourage applications from candidates who reflect the diversity of our community. Accommodations are available on request for candidates participating in all aspects of the selection process.

[Join us as we work to end gender-based violence in Niagara](#)

Let us know why you would be an excellent team member by applying to **humanresources@gilliansplace.com**

The deadline for applications is April 12, 2024. Interviews will be scheduled between April 15 and 19. Please be advised we only contact applicants who are selected for an interview.