



## Canada Summer Job Opportunity

### Position: Child and Youth Assistant

\*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 at 35 hours per week)

**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 Child and Youth Assistant will assist the child and youth department by supervising creative play, educational, and recreational programs for children and youth. Responsibilities include:

- Assisting in daily playroom upkeep and organization.
- Providing childcare during appointments.
- Planning and leading recreational activities.
- Developing age-appropriate safety plans.
- Offering parenting support to mothers.
- Completing daily checklists for babies.
- Participating in community outings.
- Maintaining logs and files related to services.

### 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.
- Model non-violent behavior according to Gillian's Place philosophy on children's rights and appropriate corrective techniques.
- Exhibit a natural ability to observe and understand children.



- Handle stressful situations calmly, make critical decisions, and effectively solve problems.
- Exercise sound judgment in assessing risks.
- Display organizational skills, attention to detail, and professionalism.
- 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 possess a post-secondary degree in social work, early childhood education, child/youth work, or a related discipline with a focus on child and youth
- 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](mailto: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.