



Canada Summer Job Opportunity

Position: Child and Youth Assistant

Please note position is dependent on the approval of funding from Service Canada

Contract dates: May 4 to August 21

Number of Hours: This will depend on the number of weeks approved by Service Canada
Minimum of 8 weeks (280 hours) to a maximum of 16 weeks (560 hours)

Wage Rate: \$18.60 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.

These positions are funded through the Canada Summer Jobs Program (2026) and all applicants must meet specific eligibility criteria. For Eligibility Criteria please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs/screening-eligibility.html>

- International students are not eligible participants

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 that actively encourages applications from people of colour, First Nations/Aboriginal individuals, newcomers and immigrants, members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, people of all abilities, and members of other underrepresented communities. We value the unique perspectives and experiences these individuals bring to our team. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. Any applicant who communicates the need for accommodation shall be considered in a non-discriminatory and respectful manner.

All interested applicants should apply in writing to humanresources@gilliansplace.com

The deadline for applications is April 9, 2026. Interviews will be scheduled between April 16 and 21. Please be advised we only contact applicants who are selected for an interview.