

**Advocate-Lawyer, Kinship Care/Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Line  
Permanent Part Time; 14hrs to 18hrs/week**

Parent Support Services Society of BC (PSS) protects the safety and well-being of children and promotes the health of all families by partnering with those in a parenting role and their communities to build self-help parenting support circles, advocacy, education, research, resources and a Kinship Care/GRG Support Line. The Advocate supports callers to navigate complex social and legal systems at an individual level and works at a broader level to improve the kinship care families' position within the context of other larger social/legal institutions and systems.

**Scope of Work:**

The Advocate-Lawyer works collaboratively with the Advocate-Social Worker; oversees provincial Support Line; provides individual and systemic advocacy and legal information to kinship caregivers; provides legal education to caregivers; advocates and lawyers; actively promotes the growth of PSS programs through community development efforts. All actions are carried out in accordance with the Society's stated mission, values and principles and in accordance with the professional Code of Conduct for Lawyers of the BC Law Society and the BC Code of Ethics of Social Workers.

**Support Line Services and Administration:**

- Provides confidential trauma-informed "warm line" services accompanying families to navigate systems
- Manages a case load, provides case-specific advocacy & intervention at agency or ministry levels
- Completes all related data collection & reporting requirements daily using CRM software
- Collaborates & engages with Advocate-Social Worker & all PSS colleagues province-wide
- Liaises with MCFD Senior Policy Analyst to consult on casework, alert government to systemic barriers that callers encounter & to receive up-to-date policy and standards
- Contributes to the evaluation of Support Line program & overall Society
- Monitors, edits & updates GRG Legal Guide to ensure accuracy of information
- Serves as an ambassador of the GRG Support Line/Society with public, media & through workshops
- Develops & delivers public legal education workshops relating to kinship care, family law & MCFD policy
- Promotes best practice pertaining to kinship care & maintains interagency networks & contacts relating to kinship care & the provincial advocacy community
- Develops & maintains strategic relationships with key government & community agencies

**Skills and Training Required:**

- Knowledge of kinship care & related legislations (CFCSA, the FLA, & Adoption Act) & MCFD/child protection policy
- Understands Indigenous traditional & legal practices & perspectives related to kinship care
- Knowledge of a trauma informed & anti-oppressive approaches to practice, adult education & facilitation
- Knowledge of community development approaches to organizing & program planning
- Excellent writing skills
- Grant writing capacity (desired)
- Knowledge of sound parenting practices & related community programs that support families
- Additional languages &/or expertise working or living within diverse communities
- Minimum – LLB, current member of the Law Society of BC

Closing Date: Wednesday January 9, 2019 at noon. Applications will be accepted by email and must include cover letter, resume, and contact information of 3 references. **Attention: Executive Director.** Please put, *Advocate* in the subject line. Email: [hr@parentsupportbc.ca](mailto:hr@parentsupportbc.ca) - *Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. We thank you in advance for your interest in this position.*