



**Advocate-Lawyer, Kinship Care/Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Line
Permanent Part Time 14-18hrs (possibility of additional hours with additional funding)**

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 using a CRM, provides case-specific advocacy & intervention at agency or ministry levels
- 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, Bill C-92) & MCFD/child protection policy
- **LLB (preferred); legal advocacy training/experience (minimum)**
- Knowledge of a trauma informed & anti-oppressive approaches to practice
- Understands Indigenous traditional & legal practices & perspectives related to kinship care (desired)
- Knowledge of community development approaches to organizing & program planning (desired)
- Excellent written skills and grant writing capacity (desired)
- Additional languages &/or expertise working or living within diverse communities (desired)
- Resides in the Lower Mainland (post COVID expectation is that candidate works out of head office)

Closing Date: **Until filled- ongoing reviewing of applications.** Emailed applications must include cover letter, resume, contact information of 3 references and hourly wage expectations. **Attention: Executive Director.** Please put, *Advocate-Lawyer* in the subject line. Email: hr@parentsupportbc.ca - *Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.* We thank you in advance for your interest in this position. Applications will be reviewed as received.