



Children's Grief Counsellor (Port Alberni/Parksville)

Who We Are

At Lumara Grief & Bereavement Care Society, we envision a world where no one has to walk through grief alone. Our mission is achieved by creating compassionate communities that instill hope and belonging for those facing grief and loss. Since 2007, Lumara's interdisciplinary team of facilitators, professional counsellors, therapists, and trained volunteers have been providing individual and family counselling, support and education for children, youth, adults, families, and professionals coping with serious illness, grief, and loss. We also run family bereavement camps, youth retreats, a virtual grief conference, and Indigenous Wellness programs. Lumara's programs and services are provided from a variety of spaces: from the Lumara's Parksville office and in the Wellness Centre in New Westminster; in a variety of retreat facilities and wilderness locations; in a wide variety of community spaces; virtually; and directly with individuals and families.

This Position

We are seeking a Registered Clinical Counsellor, Social Worker, and/or an Expressive Arts Therapist with a minimum of three years grief and loss counselling experience to provide in-person counselling sessions for bereaved children and youth with some family and adult work as well.

Through a partnership agreement with the Alberni Valley Hospice this position will provide services both for Lumara clients and for clients of the Alberni Valley Hospice. Sessions would take place at the Alberni Valley Hospice office in Port Alberni or at the Lumara office in Parksville.

Because this is a new position, the workload will be small to begin with (one day every two weeks in the summer). However, we anticipate the hours will increase in September particularly if the counsellor wishes to develop group programs or is flexible in working with bereavement clients of all ages. There is flexibility in scheduling which day of the week the counsellor would like to provide the sessions.

The pay range will be \$40 - \$50/hour depending on qualifications.

Your Experience & Qualifications

Bachelor's degree or master's degree in counselling, social work, or expressive arts therapies (music therapy/art therapy)

Proof of professional registration and liability insurance

3+ years experience in grief counselling

3+ years experience in general counselling work with children and/or youth

How to Apply

If you feel you are a good fit for this position, please send your cover letter and resume to info@lumasociety.org with a notation in the subject line that reads: *Children's Grief Counsellor Application*. Please include in your cover letter a paragraph describing the philosophical ideas and counselling theories that inform your grief counselling approach and the way in which you approach your work with bereaved children and families. Thank you for your interest; only short-listed applicants will be contacted for an interview.