Physician Posting # RMHA-007 –Childhood Psychiatrist:
Richmond Mental Health and Addictions
Department of Psychiatry, Richmond Health Services

Recovery, Strength, Respect, Resilience:
Richmond Mental Health and Addictions Services is committed to collaborating with consumers and families to build on strengths, talents and interests in order to foster a community of hope, growth, and self-determination.

Role Description:
In accordance with the standards of practice and the established vision and values of Vancouver Coastal Health, the child psychiatrist who accepts this position will provide an innovative, evidence-based and comprehensive array of psychiatric assessment and treatments to children and youth from 5 to 18 years of age with their families. The child psychiatrist will work as part of a collaborative interdisciplinary team that may include other physicians, nurses, psychiatric nurses, client families, social workers, psychologists and counsellors. The child psychiatrist will act as a resource to the interdisciplinary team in dealing with complex mental health issues. The child psychiatrist will have a strong knowledge base in medication management and psychotherapeutic modalities. The child psychiatrist will have experience in working with children and youth, their families, and the challenges that face these families. Strong community collaborative skills must also be demonstrated.

Richmond is a diverse ‘young’ city thriving with families in all stages of life. It is located just south of Vancouver, BC. The Richmond Child and Youth Program is located in a community clinic within walking distance to Richmond Hospital. The Richmond Child and Youth Program is a community-based public mental health service for children 5 to 18 years of age with significant emotional and/or behavioural problems. The Richmond Child and Adolescent Program is comprised of 3 units: a child and youth outpatient mental health service, integrated youth outreach, and Richmond School Program. Assessments and evidence-informed treatments are provided to children in conjunction with their families. A good knowledge of child relational/developmental/psycho therapeutic theory and practice is essential. Prescription and monitoring of medications will be provided as needed. Each clinician assesses and treats children on their caseload and may consult other team members as indicated. Collaboration with other community service providers is essential. CAP team members function together as a “Working Group”, with an expectancy to collaborate reflectively.

The Richmond Child and Adolescent Program is closely linked with Dept of Psychiatry RH, and UBC Faculty of Medicine, innovates and collaborates in educational and research projects.

The psychiatrists may also be involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of new programs and will participate in the training and education of medical students, residents and other allied health professionals. Opportunities may exist for research projects and group work. There is an expectation that psychiatrists will participate in the on-call roster.

Qualifications:
- A Medical Degree and eligibility for licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia.
- Must hold specialist qualifications in psychiatry from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
- Completed two full years of training in Child & Adolescent psychiatry
- Eligibility for a clinical faculty appointment with the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Medicine is ideal.
- Candidates must meet credentialing requirements of Vancouver Coastal Health.
- Additionally, the candidate should have:
  - A demonstrated ability working as a member of an interdisciplinary mental health team.
  - A commitment to participate in new methods in health improvement and care delivery.

Reporting Relationship:
The psychiatrist will report to the Medical Lead for Infant, Child and Youth and the Head and Medical Director, Department of Psychiatry, Richmond Health Services.

Compensation:
The child psychiatrist will provide a minimum of 4 half-days of work per week up to 8 half-days of work per week in a blended billing model (Sessional and Fee-for-service). The psychiatrists are responsible for their own billings.

Questions can be directed to 604-278-9711 x 4254 or Carolyn.Steinberg@vch.ca (Medical Lead, Child and Youth).

Interested candidates should submit a current CV and letter of interest by email to Peter.Gibson@vch.ca or by fax to: 604-278-4819 (attention: Head, Dept of Psychiatry). Questions can be directed to 604-244-5241. All submissions will receive a confirmation of receipt, however, only short-listed candidates will be contacted to arrange for an interview soon after the closing date.

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