

TITLE: SCHOOL-BASED YOUTH STREET WORKER
SECTION: School-Based
REPORTS TO: Administrative Officer

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SUMMARY

Under the general direction of the principal, identifies and assists students who are most seriously at-risk because they are involved in criminal activity, living on the street or in abusive situations.

DUTIES

1. Develops a rapport with high at-risk youth and assesses high risk situations, visiting sites where they are located, often at irregular hours.
 2. Assesses high at-risk students and assists them to establish connections with home, school and community support agencies.
 3. Provides individual assistance and basic counselling to at-risk First Nations students with social or behavioural needs.
 4. Assists police in defusing violent student confrontations.
 5. Liaises and participates in staff meetings, and with First Nations communities and parents as required.
 6. Works with community agencies, school counsellors, multi-cultural workers and administrators to obtain resources to support at-risk students.
 7. Assists parents in supporting high at-risk students.
 8. Coordinates meetings of multi-disciplinary teams relative to student support.
 9. Will on occasion be required to perform other duties as assigned.
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QUALIFICATIONS

- High school graduation and two years of post-secondary training in the human services field, preferably in the area of social work practices and criminological theories
- More than two years experience, including working with at-risk youth, including street and youth outreach work
- Demonstrated experience in mediation and conflict resolution and in assisting at-risk youth to reintegrate into the school system
- Experience in working effectively with multi-disciplinary teams and in accessing the services of community agencies
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of the culture of First Nations students who reside off the reserve
- Demonstrated ability to work in unsupervised situations
- An awareness of the requirement for confidentiality of sensitive information seen or heard

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