

**Cultural Outreach Coordinator for new Building Block – Transition Services for Indigenous Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)  
Employment Opportunity**

**Employment Terms:** Contract

**Length of Employment:** August 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 – June 2021

**Apply By:** July 26<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Description**

The Cultural Outreach Coordinator is responsible for engaging with and providing a bridge between the Cowessess First Nation community, community advisory circle, and the Autism Resource Centre (ARC) Community Liaison and project team during the “Building Block Program: Transition Services for Indigenous Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder” project.

This multi-year project funded by the *Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) Autism Spectrum Disorder Fund* is focused on researching autism within First Nations communities and improving participation of Indigenous youth with autism or suspected of being within the autism spectrum, that are transitioning from high school to paid employment. ARC, Cowessess First Nation, other community-based partners such as the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Network and Street Culture Project, and academic partners from the University of Regina and Simon Fraser University will be embarking on one of the first projects in Canada focused on autism through an Indigenous perspective and worldview.

The Cultural Outreach Coordinator will help build and maintain positive and effective relationships and promote support that is sensitive to the difference’s individuals have in their experiences. This role will work both on and off reserve, cooperatively with the Cowessess First Nation, community-based organizations, employers, and families in order to identify service gaps and barriers, as well as to help improve access to programs and services for individuals with autism from the Indigenous community.

In addition, the Cultural Outreach Coordinator will:

- Have respect for all people, regardless of their cultural backgrounds;
- Have a respect for diplomacy;
- Enjoy working with individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds;
- Enjoy helping and advising others;
- Demonstrate an ability to help members of various community’s access community-based programs and services by building relationships and sharing information; and,
- Have a strong person-centered approach to your work activities.

Required education, training and experience:

- Graduation from a recognized degree program or working towards completion of a degree in Social Work, the Humanities or Social Sciences or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. with on-reserve services, providing services and/or building relationships both on and off reserve.

- Experience and knowledge of on-reserve services, providing services and building relationships both on and off reserve.
- Some experience with research and knowledge-translation related activities (e.g., data collection, qualitative and quantitative data analysis, write-up of results for dissemination, organization of research materials, project support experience) and other research related responsibilities.
- Strong communication skills (oral and written), strong interpersonal skills, and strong organizational skills.
- Experience with recruitment of participants for data collection.

Please apply by sending your resume and cover letter by **July 26<sup>th</sup> 2019** to [danielle@autismresourcecenter.com](mailto:danielle@autismresourcecenter.com).