



Forest & Nature/Outdoor Program Research Assistant

Bachelor of Early Learning & Child Development Student Placement

Andrew Fleck Children's Services (AFCS) is looking for a student for our Forest & Nature/Outdoor placement opportunity. In this 15-week placement the student will be researching information on the benefits of outdoor/forest & nature play.

This is an unpaid placement opportunity. 8 weeks of funding through Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ), an initiative to help youth gain job skills and experience, may be available for qualified students, however funding is unlikely to be confirmed until May 2020. All applicants must be currently enrolled in 3rd year of Bachelor of Early Learning and Community Development Program at Algonquin College for this placement.

Available from: May 4th, 2020 to August 14th, 2020 (flexible)
Hours: 35 hours per week
Salary: \$17.11 per hour + 4% vacation pay (dependent on approval for funding from CSJ)
Location: Forest & Nature School, 411 Corkstown Road
Closing date: March 15th, 2020
Apply: E-mail: hrrecruiting@afchildrensservices.ca

In this role you will...

- ✓ Write a paper on the benefits of outdoor play for children
- ✓ Review the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA) to identify where the CCEYA would need to be modified to adapt to forest and nature programs and practices
- ✓ Review information on outdoor forest & nature research (Washington model) and consider ways that this could be implemented in an Ontario framework
- ✓ Develop guidelines for new educators to Forest & Nature practices
- ✓ Develop tip sheets

To qualify for this role you have...

- ✓ Enrolment in 3rd year of the Bachelor of Early Learning and Community Development program
- ✓ Clear Police Record Check (Vulnerable sector) completed in the last 6 months
- ✓ Current Standard First Aid and CPR certification (cannot be expiring before September 2020)
- ✓ Immunization records
- ✓ Good knowledge of Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA)
- ✓ Experience working outdoors in an early learning forest & nature program or Forest & Nature School certification achievement (asset)
- ✓ Respectful communication skills, both verbal and written in a professional manner
- ✓ Ability to organize and problem solve as issues arise
- ✓ Research & presentation skills
- ✓ Strong written communication skills
- ✓ Ability to work independently
- ✓ Strong knowledge on child development & early learning programming
- ✓ Ability to work as part of a team
- ✓ Strong computer skills (Outlook, Word, Internet)

We are an equal opportunity employer. We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Should the applicant require any accommodations during the application process please notify Human Resources at hrrecruiting@afchildrensservices.ca

APPLY TODAY!