



Central Urban Métis Federation Inc.
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Position: Grief & Loss Counsellor

Position Profile: The Grief and Loss Counsellor is responsible for attending to the needs of CUMFI clients and staff (Supported Living Homes and CUMFI Outreach). Contemporary losses in Aboriginal communities may often produce high risk bereavement with adverse outcomes. There may also be an increased vulnerability associated with past unresolved losses which may have transgenerational effects. Knowledge of, and sensitivity to, cultural practices to deal with death and grief are essential. This may include crisis and ongoing counseling, assistance to connect with other community and professional resources, and plan appropriate ways to build on strengths and possible therapies to address specific needs.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provides clinical grief counselling to grieving individual Children/clients and client groups.
- Maintains clinical records of Children/clients served within CUMFI
- Participates in the continual staff support activities and development of approaches to meet all CUMFI staff counseling needs.
- Participates in the events of CUMFI, Grief in the Workplace, and any educational workshops and conferences.
- Achieves expected productivity standard (based on patient visits and case load) alignment with best practices within CUMFI
- Facilitate support groups.
- Work with in-house psychiatric services and facilitate appointments and help clients to follow psychiatrists' care recommendations.
- Be familiar with reputable therapists/facilitators/organizations where strength building activities can be carried out and where mental health concerns can be addressed.
- Create a plan with children/ clients to take part in these activities/therapies.
- Debrief with clients after each activity/therapy and decide with them whether they want to/require continued appointments.
- Work with the community to assist clients to attend small group and individual sessions on anger management, domestic violence, couples counselling according to the needs of clients.
- Keep confidential records.

Education:

- Bachelor of Social Work or BISW Degree or relative training and experience working with individuals who have experienced Trauma, loss and grief.
- Minimum 3 years of experience working with community based Trauma, grief and loss.
- Ability to speak a First Nations or Métis language is an asset.
- Knowledge and understanding of the history of Aboriginal peoples and their socio-economic backgrounds.
- Criminal and vulnerable persons record check.

