
Job Opportunity: Separation Support Group Facilitator 2019

The North Shore Women's Centre works to improve the social, economic, legal, and political status of women and to encourage and support self-empowerment by acting as a resource and a catalyst for change from feminist and anti-oppression perspectives. The organization runs a drop-in resource centre providing a wide range of services and programs. For more details, please visit www.northshorewomen.ca.

We are currently looking for an experienced facilitator for our 10-week Separation Support Group program taking place this fall 2019. The successful candidate is mature and will be able to offer guidance and leadership from a shared perspective of the North Shore Women's Centre. The group is for women who are leaving or have recently left an intimate partner relationship, and who are navigating the emotional, financial, and legal intersections of this relationship. The group will include guest presentations from a financial advisor, counselor, and lawyer. The group will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm starting on October 1st.

This is a temporary contract position offering \$1,750 compensation, for which the candidate is expected to carry out all program development, group facilitation, preparations, meetings, reminders, and reporting. We encourage applications from Indigenous women and women of colour. If you are interested in applying, please send a cover letter and resume to info@northshorewomen.ca. For inquiries and questions, you can contact us at 604-984-6009 or at the email above.

Application must be received by **September 15th**. We thank all applicants; only successful candidates will be contacted.

Responsibilities:

- Facilitating a 10-week women's separation support group by:
 - Guiding participants through a developmental program of peer sharing, discussions, and awareness-raising/skill-building exercises, presentations and activities on relevant topics such as: grief and loss, anger, confusion, transitions, supporting children, co-parenting, abuse and safety planning, self-care, accessing community services and resources, etc.
 - Creating a safe space for personal sharing and group discussions
 - Providing relevant information and resources
- Developing program content in consultation with North Shore Women's Centre staff
- Providing emotional and practical support, information, resources, and referrals to participants
- Liaising with guest speakers to coordinate presentations with the group
- Undertaking record keeping and reporting, as well as administering program evaluations
- Coordinating weekly refreshment and on-site childminders
- Other related tasks as required.

Skills and Qualifications:

- Strong awareness of feminist and anti-oppression analysis and experience applying this analysis in professional and personal contexts.
- Excellent group facilitation and communication skills including prior experience facilitating women's support groups. Counselling and peer support skills are an asset.
- Ability to create and maintain a safe environment for all group participants.
- Understanding of the multiple and intersecting dynamics of separation for women. Personal experience of separation is valuable.
- Strong boundary-setting and conflict resolution skills.
- Program development experience is an asset.
- Awareness of community organization and support services available to women.
- Ability to document work and keep detailed records.