



**Sioux Valley Dakota Nation**  
Jordan's Principle  
Child & Youth Counsellor  
Location: Sioux Valley Dakota Nation  
Full-time – Term



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**Position Summary:**

The Child & Youth Counsellor provides emotional, behavioral, and social support to children and youth within Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. This role focuses on mentorship, supportive counselling, skill-building, and culturally connected wellness activities.

The Child & Youth Counsellor works directly with children to help them develop healthy coping skills, understand emotions, build confidence, strengthen relationships, and navigate life challenges. This position is not a clinical therapy role but works closely with clinicians (SLPs, OTs, Clinical Counsellors, social workers, etc.) to support holistic care.

**Key Responsibilities**

**1. Supportive Counselling & Mentorship**

Provide one-on-one support sessions to help children with emotional regulation, self-esteem, stress, social skills, and school or family challenges.

Offer culturally safe, strength-based, and trauma-informed support.

Assist children in developing coping strategies, problem-solving skills, and healthy communication.

**2. Group Programs & Youth Activities**

Plan and facilitate group programming such as life-skills groups, social skills groups, peer-support circles, or cultural activities.

Support land-based, recreational, and community wellness programs for children and youth.

**3. Case Support & Collaboration**

Work collaboratively with families, school staff, clinicians, and community workers.

Support implementation of therapeutic recommendations provided by Clinical Counsellors, SLPs, OTs, or psychologists.

Participate in case meetings and contribute observations to support planning.

**4. Crisis & Behavioral Support**

Provide calm, supportive intervention when children are experiencing emotional distress.

De-escalate challenging situations using non-violent, trauma-informed strategies.

Notify supervisors of significant concerns.

**5. Documentation & Reporting**

Maintain session notes, attendance logs, and relevant documentation according to program standards.

Assist in collecting data for Jordan's Principle reporting requirements.

### **Qualifications**

#### Education & Experience

Diploma or degree in Child and Youth Care, Social Work, Counselling, Psychology, or related field.

Experience working with children and youth in a supportive setting required.

Experience working in a First Nations community is an asset.

#### Skills & Abilities

Strong rapport-building skills with children and youth.

Ability to plan and run group activities.

Knowledge of trauma-informed practice and child development.

Excellent communication and behavioral support skills.

Cultural humility and understanding of Indigenous wellness approaches.

#### Requirements

Class 5 driver's license and reliable transportation.

Clear Criminal Record Check, Child Abuse Registry Check, and Vulnerable Sector Check.

Willingness to participate in training (ASIST, TCI/NVCI, First Aid, etc.).

### **Working Conditions**

Work may occur in schools, homes, community spaces, outdoor environments, or program facilities.

Occasional evening or weekend activities.

Engages in active work with children, including recreational and land-based activities.

### **Competition Number: 202656**

#### Submit Cover letter and Resume indicating Competition Number

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