Brighter Futures for Children of Young Parents (BFCYP)

JOB DESCRIPTION

(revised for temporary position)

**Position Title*: Support Counselor***

**Supervisor: *CAPC/CPNP Project Manager***

**Position Summary:** The Support Counselorfunctions independently and within a multidisciplinary team to provide appropriate services and supports to pregnant and parenting youth. Housed at St Mary’s Home, the Support Counselor’s role will include working with clients from St Mary’s Home, other agencies of The Young Parent Support Network and the community at-large.

**Responsibilities:**

**Program Development, Delivery and Coordination:**

* Plan for, facilitate and support BFCYP programs
* Provide supports to the activities and programs of St Mary’s Home Young Parent Outreach Centre
* Maintain appropriate documentation and records
* Participate in ongoing evaluation of programs and services
* Participate in relevant continuing education

**Client Services:**

* Review intake assessments and make referrals to appropriate Network services and community resources
* Provide one-to-one counseling and support to vulnerable pregnant and parenting youth
* Provide crisis counseling with follow-up referral and intervention
* Support clients during times of high stress and transition

**Community Interface:**

* Advocate for pregnant youth and young parents in the community
* Develop and implement outreach strategies
* Project a positive image of BFCYP and St Mary’s home
* Participate in promotion of BFCYP and St Mary’s Home in the community
* Maintain knowledge of and liaise with pertinent community resources
* Participate on committees/teams within and outside of the project/agency

**Qualifications:**

* Bachelor’s degree in Social Work, Child and Youth Worker Diploma; or the equivalent
* Minimum 3 years experience working with pregnant and parenting youth

 Knowledge and Skills:

* + Experience in counseling, program development and facilitation, working with pregnant and parenting youth
	+ Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
	+ Ability to work independently and also as a member of a team
	+ Compassionate, enthusiastic and ability to take initiative
	+ Bilingual preferred (English and French)