

## **Occupational Therapist, Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) Services Contractor Opportunity**

**Organization Overview:** GRIT strengthens communities by offering comprehensive early-learning programs and education for children living with disabilities, their families and educators. Our mission is to build on the skills, knowledge, capacity and confidence of families and educators to ensure children with disabilities are supported in inclusive settings so they can meaningfully participate in the opportunities life has to offer. We have been providing quality services and education to children with disabilities, families and childcare providers since 1982, and have set the precedent for inclusive care across Edmonton, Alberta and Canada.

**FSCD Services overview:** Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) by GRIT provides children with severe disabilities and their families access to intensive services to support learning, development and participation.

The Program introduces new strategies in everyday family routines to promote their child's development and participation including feeding, sleeping, communication, behavior, and more.

Family Support for Children with Disabilities is provided as needed to children as young as two years of age before they access Early Childhood Services by GRIT. Programs may include transition into their grade one year.

**Compensation:** We are looking for compassionate and flexible Occupational Therapists to help build our FSCD services. Contracts are primarily working in the afternoon and early evenings to support family engagement. We offer competitive FSCD Contractor rates.

**Position Overview:** In collaboration with the FSCD Services team and Early Childhood Education Team (PUF), the Occupational Therapist will apply a streamlined evidence-informed approach to support the delivery of services to children/families across settings; utilizing coaching practices in natural environments to build individual and family capacity to accomplish child/family outcomes.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Utilizes discipline specific evidence-based (assessment, intervention, and evaluation) practices.
- Provides Caregiver coaching and family capacity building in home, school and community environments.
- Manages a caseload and completes administrative tasks such as consultation notes, service plans and reports.
- Must be flexible, adaptable, and maintain a high level of professionalism at all times.

**Qualifications:**

- Education: Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy
- Registered and in good standing with Alberta College of Occupational Therapists (ACOT).
- AADL authorization status is an asset. If the successful candidate does not have AADL, they will be supported to obtain AADL authorizer status.
- Experience in pediatrics in Occupational Therapy, specific evidence-based practice (assessment, intervention, and evaluation) experience.
- Demonstrated Early Childhood Learning and Development knowledge
- Passion and commitment for working with children and their families
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and effectively
- Confidence in the use of technology to support work
- Current professional liability insurance required.
- Clean Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector, and Children's Intervention Check

To apply for this opportunity, please submit your resume to: [hr@gritprogram.ca](mailto:hr@gritprogram.ca)

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

*Posting will remain open until a suitable candidate is found*