

Indigenous Cultural Liaison (ICL), Indigenous Youth Mentorship Project
**Term Certain 6-month, half-time position, with possibility of extension,
requiring 20 hours per week**

The Agency

The Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS) is a community-based charitable organization dedicated to reducing the incidence of crime and increasing community safety through preventative and restorative justice practices. To accomplish these ends, we provide direct services to individuals at risk, advocacy for effective responses to crime with the individuals involved and education for youth and adults in the community. The Calgary John Howard Society is committed to an organizational environment that recognizes the dignity and worth of each person. CJHS values diversity and inclusion and welcomes qualified applicants from all walks of life.

The Program

The Indigenous Youth Mentorship Project provides a unique mentoring experience by offering one-on-one, group and peer mentoring. Volunteer Mentors offer support, advice, and guidance to youth that are criminally involved. Regular group sessions offer the opportunity for enhancing cultural connections combined with a variety of social and recreational activities. The project accesses the knowledge and teachings of different Elders.

The Position

The Indigenous Cultural Liaison will coordinate the Project. This includes supporting the recruitment, training and ongoing supervision of volunteer mentors. The ICL will play a role in fostering the relationships between the youth and the mentors. They will work with the Elders to bring cultural teachings and connections to group activities. The ICL will work with the Indigenous Youth Advocates, justice officials and school affiliates to identify youth who may be interested in the program. The ICL will support the mentors and the youth to work together to develop a mentorship plan which includes goals and action activities that includes exploring opportunities for building self-esteem and increasing motivation.

The Indigenous Cultural Liaison will also work to support the CJHS Indigenous Cultural Initiatives Working Group to fulfill its purpose of “creating and promoting Indigenous cultural awareness to achieve inclusivity, respect, a sense of belonging and safety for our community”.

This is a Term Certain, 6-month, half-time position, requiring 20 hours per week with the possibility for extension. The successful candidate will have relevant post-secondary education and experience working with Indigenous people. The candidate must demonstrate strong connections to the Indigenous community, culture, and practices. Group facilitation experience will be considered an asset. Brain Story Certification is also considered an asset. A current criminal record check (CPIC) and Child Intervention Check are required (within the past three months).

**Applications will be accepted until until a suitable
candidate is found.**

Please submit your cover letter and resume to:

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