



## **Employment Opportunities**

### **Speech-Language Assistant**

#### **3 Full-time Permanent Positions (September-June)**

ABC Head Start Society has been committed to promoting and supporting strong children, families and communities in Edmonton for over 30 years. We offer a comprehensive prekindergarten and family support program for vulnerable children and families. Operating in 5 locations across Edmonton, our goal is to prepare children for success in partnership with the family and community. We offer children the best possible early learning and development opportunities to ensure the future well-being and prosperity of our communities.

The Speech-Language Assistant works as a member of the inter-disciplinary resource team to provide services responsive to the identified needs of children and families. The inter-disciplinary team includes teachers, speech-language pathologists, early childhood educators, speech-language assistants, occupational therapists, therapy assistants, and a social emotional development coach. The inter-disciplinary resource team has the capacity to adapt to changes in the needs of families accessing our program.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Consult and collaboratively work with site team (which includes a Teacher, Early Childhood Educator(s), Therapy Assistants, a Social Worker and other staff in program planning
- Model and coach site team regarding intervention strategies
- Provide site team with specific information on children's speech and language development
- Assist site team and parents in interpretation of Speech and Language reports
- Work in consultation with agency Speech and Language Pathologist
- Work one-on-one with children attending ABC Head Start programs

#### **Qualifications:**

The successful candidate must possess:

- Speech Language Pathologist Assistant/Rehabilitation Diploma



- Knowledge and working experience of preschool language delays, disorders and intervention strategies
- Strong skills in the provision of group work and consultation are required
- Sound clinical judgment, problem solving and decision-making skills in combination with sound analytical abilities are essential
- Knowledge of child development and skills in operationalizing treatment interventions including behavior management techniques
- Excellent interpersonal and strong oral and written communication skills
- Ability to respond to direction and openness in reviewing work
- A clear criminal record check and child intervention check
- Demonstrated knowledge of computer systems Windows and Excel
- Hanen Training an asset

The ideal candidate is adept at working in a highly interactive learning environment focused on the learning needs of pre-school children, and will also have:

- Experience working with pre-school children and their families
- Experience providing classroom-based services
- Experience working in an interdisciplinary team environment

#### **Why Work with ABC Head Start Society?**

- Competitive extended health benefits package including RRSP contribution
- Flexible annual schedules that include desirable hours and a commitment to work-life balance
- Opportunity for professional growth both individually and as part of a team
- Ongoing professional development provided both internally, and from professional bodies
- Work collaboratively with a diverse and inclusive team
- Rewarding client relationships and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our culturally diverse children and families

**Work Locations:** Speech and Language Assistants may be required to travel between locations and require reliable transportation.

**Start Date:** June 1, 2019



To apply, email your résumé and a cover letter to the ABC Head Start Society at [hr@abcheadstart.org](mailto:hr@abcheadstart.org). Please include “SLP” in the Subject Line of the email.

ABC Head Start thanks applicants for their interest in this opportunity. Only candidates considered for the position will be contacted. We are an equal opportunity employer. We welcome diversity and encourage applications from all qualified individuals.

**Closing Date: Competition will Remain Open Until Suitable Candidates are Found**