

Social Worker MSW - Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Lotus Health Program

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The Hospital for Sick Children is a leading tertiary pediatric center providing medical and mental health care to the most complex children and youth and their families. A dynamic clinical, education and research environment, SickKids is committed to excellence in integrated inter-professional care. It is a center of excellence in the delivery of innovative health care to the paediatric population.

Reporting to the Clinical Manager, Social Work, this position will provide social work services to both patients and families within the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Lotus Health Program at SickKids. Lotus Health is a multidisciplinary health and advocacy program for children and youth impacted by human trafficking/commercial sexual exploitation. Lotus Health provides a range of trauma-informed medical and psychosocial services and works closely with community partners, including child welfare, police, legal, shelter/housing, addictions, and mental health.

The Lotus Health Social Worker should be an individual with a praxis that includes both formal education as well as lived experience as a community member from a systemically oppressed or marginalized identity. This person will work collaboratively as part of a multidisciplinary health care team to support children and youth who have experienced or may be at risk of experiencing commercial sexual exploitation. They will provide direct clinical services to a diverse population of children, youth, and families using a healing-focused or trauma-informed, culturally-sensitive approach.

Here's What You'll Get To Do:

- Work from a healing-focused/trauma-informed, strengths-based, developmentally-sensitive, anti-racist: anti-oppressive perspective.
- Provide support, education, skill development, and resource assistance to children and youth exposed to commercial sexual exploitation.
- Conduct biopsychosocial assessments and provide treatment and support. This may be achieved through a variety of modalities including individual trauma therapy, crisis intervention, psychoeducation, groupwork, consultation, case management, community outreach, advocacy, and prevention work.
- Support families coping with abuse/trauma and secure resources that address issues related to the social determinants of health.
- Communicate and collaborate with the multidisciplinary health care team and community agencies to devise responsive plans of care.

- Practice in a manner that is consistent with the philosophy of continuous quality improvement and evidence-informed practice. Integrate research into practice.
- Participate in case review meetings, program development, and professional development activities.
- Assume responsibility for all aspects of practice including issues of productivity and utilization.
- To accommodate the needs of patients and families, flexible hours are required; the job is primarily on-site at the Elizabeth St location.

Here's What You'll Need:

- Master of Social Work (MSW) degree.
- Registration with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.
- Minimum 2 years clinical experience with children, youth, and families is an asset.
- Hospital experience is preferred.
- Knowledge of the field of childhood trauma and demonstrates ability to provide strengths-based, non-judgmental, evidence-based trauma-focused intervention.
- Experience and ability to provide crisis intervention, suicide screening, risk assessment and safety planning.
- A minimum of 2 years working directly with victims of trauma is an asset.
- Understanding of the principles of trauma-informed care and the dynamics of human trafficking, including commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth.
- Understanding of the implications and outcomes of colonization.
- Knowledge of child and adolescent development, mental health, and addictions.
- Clinical skills in trauma assessment and treatment.
- Well-developed strengths in advocacy and interprofessional collaboration.
- Strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to maintain professional boundaries and confidentiality.
- Compassion, empathy, and a nonjudgmental attitude.
- Commitment to decolonial anti-racism: anti-oppressive practice, in the delivery of health care services.
- Awareness of the local network of human trafficking services, community resources, and relevant systems and legislation.
- Ability to collaborate effectively as a member of the health care team and to take initiative and leadership when appropriate.
- Strong interpersonal, communication, and time management skills.
- Proficiency in the use of electronic platforms such as Microsoft Office and other relevant technology.
- Flexibility to work into the early evening one day per week.
- Vulnerable Sector Screening Police background check.

Employment Type: 0.4 FTE (2 days per week), 1 year contract (with possibility of renewal) - no benefits

To apply, please visit The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) website:

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