

FOOTPRINTS 4 AUTISM IS HIRING!

FOOTPRINTS is a local, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the provision of respite care for families with children and youth who are on the Autism Spectrum. The FOOTPRINTS program offers respite, not therapy, in a safe and happy environment. It has been designed solely for the benefit of the children and for the relief of their families.

Our Camp Great Strides incorporates many of the familiar routines, games, songs and activities you may remember from camp. Each session has a theme with appropriate games, craft activities and adventures to complement the theme. Camp is open to children 4 to 13 years of age diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and is generously funded by Unity for Autism.

POSITION

Summer Camp Counsellor

CONTRACT

Duration of four weeks as indicated in the dates below.

Rate of pay is **Seventeen (\$17)** dollars per hour for **nine (9) hours per camp day**. If camp is cancelled, the Camp Counsellor will be notified in advance and shift will be cancelled without remuneration.

LOCATION

St. Mark's United Church, 201 Centre Street South, Whitby ON L1N 4V7

DATES AND TIMES

Camp times are from 9:00AM to 4:00PM

July: 11 to 15 and 25 to 29

August: 2 to 5 and 8 to 12

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

The Summer Camp Counsellor will work under the direction of the Camp Consultant and the FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism Operations Manager.

1. Implement camp programs as outlined/designed by the Camp Consultant and assist with any pre and post program requirements.
2. Model the role of a Child Support Volunteer by guiding the volunteers in a hands-on manner on how to be effective and efficient in supporting children diagnosed with Autism.
3. Actively assess, supervise, and support all clients and volunteers.
4. Perform assessments in collaboration with the Camp Consultant of individual children's needs, abilities and interests to ensure a positive experience.
5. Be responsible for compliance with health and safety protocols to ensure the safety of children and volunteers during assigned shifts.
6. Actively assess, supervise, support, and evaluate all volunteers in collaboration with the Camp Consultant.

7. Facilitate planned activities for the camps. Ensure security and safety of facility and that pre and post checklists are completed each day.
8. Ensure that family concerns are addressed in a timely and professional manner, and that all concerns be reported to the Camp Consultant immediately.
9. Identify and report immediately to the Camp Consultant any issues regarding legal and/or safety implications, as outlined in the Policies and Procedures.
10. Be on-site for camp hours which run from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. Arrive one (1) hour before and stay one (1) hour after camp each day to assist with set-up and clean-up. You will be required to support one (1) hour aftercare for clients requesting late pick-up.
11. Be allotted three (3) hours of preparation time per week of camp or three (3) training hours as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge and skill generally associated with the completion of a Diploma in Early Childhood Education or similar relevant education; or, have an equivalent combination of education and relevant experience.
- Experience working with autistic or special needs children.
- Professional, excellent communication and interpersonal skills to ensure effective interaction with children, their families, the Steering Committee, the Operations Manager, other Program Consultants, volunteers, external stakeholders and the public.
- Current First Aid and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation certificates mandatory.
- Current Certificate in Crisis Intervention/Behaviour Management Systems training or similar is an asset.
- Current Police Check mandatory, including Criminal Record and Working with Vulnerable Persons.

HOW TO APPLY

If you meet all the above requirements, please submit your cover letter and resume including 3 references. To apply, please include the position title you are applying for in the subject line to the following:

Bessan Kenaan, Great Strides Camp Consultant
FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism
bessan@footprints4autism.org
Deadline to apply is by midnight **May 15, 2022**

FOOTPRINTS is committed to cultivating and preserving a culture of inclusion and connectedness. The collective sum of individual differences, life experiences, knowledge, innovation, self-expression, and talent represent our culture. We are able to grow and learn better together as a diverse team and is the key to our success.

FOOTPRINTS reserves the right to require clarification. We thank all applicants for their interest and only short-listed applicants will be contacted for an interview.