



CHEBUCTO CONNECTIONS

Strengthening Community in Spryfield and District

JOB OPPORTUNITY

POSITION TITLE: Healthy Development Facilitator (HDF)
CLOSING DATE: Applications accepted until filled/interviews on an on-going basis.
START/END DATE: Sept. 6th, 2017 to June 15th, 2018 (*One week unpaid 'shut down'-Dec 25 to Jan 1*)
SALARY: \$22/hour for 28 hours per week
APPLICATION PROCESS: Resume/cover letter outlining experience around healthy sexual development facilitation with youth to bonnie@chebuctoconnections.ca with subject line: **Healthy Development Facilitator** application. **No phone calls accepted to inquire about the position.**

Chebucto Connections works with community partners to attract resources that help address priorities and increase opportunities for local communities. We aim to build capacity and advance the quality of life for residents throughout the Eastern Chebucto Peninsula.

Through the Provincial *Sexual Violence Prevention and Innovation* funding, Chebucto Connections is hiring a **Healthy Development Facilitator (HDF)**. The Facilitator is responsible for the effective delivery of our 12-week Healthy Development curriculum during regular class time with select Grade 6, 7 and 8 classes; and for providing evening workshops to parents at the schools. The HDF will facilitate circle group discussions, working alongside a health teacher and a third party evaluator for the program. Discussions are age-adapted and carried out in the spirit of meeting students where they are, to increase capacity to make healthy decisions, improve help-seeking patterns, knowledge about sexual/mental health, and reduce behaviours that may lead to sexual violence or abuse of alcohol/drugs. Program goals are aligned with **Nova Scotia's Sexualized Violence Strategy**. They include:

- To create a better understanding of healthy relationship and norms for youth.
- To increase engagement of men and boys in sexual violence prevention work.
- To help youth develop a clearer understanding of what consent is and why it is important.
- To help youth think critically about hyper-sexualization of women and girls in the media.
- To strengthen youth engagement and leadership in sexual violence prevention.
- To increase positive non-violent perceptions of masculinity for participating youth.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE:

The candidate must have a relevant university degree and experience. An outstanding group facilitator, the candidate is at ease with youth and is knowledgeable, flexible and embodies progressive views that support non-conforming gender identities and sexual orientations. Candidates must be exceptionally comfortable speaking openly to students/parent groups about topics related including expectations of gender, sex, pornography, substance use and sexual consent. The candidate must also be able to:

- Build positive relationships with staff, teachers, parents and community partners.
- Write professional reports for Provincial and non-profit entities.
- Provide reflective and critical thought.
- Adapt facilitation to the needs of the participants during sessions ensuring each group's unique needs are addressed during the 12-week session.

Chebucto Connections is committed to the principle of employment equity for Aboriginal peoples, African Nova Scotians, persons with disabilities, visible and invisible minorities and women. Our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative of the communities we serve.

ONLY THOSE SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW WILL BE CONTACTED.