



Position Title: Child Space Advocate

Assignment: Child Space

Term of Appointment: One-year commitment required
3 hours per week

Volunteer Profile:

The Luna Centre provides children and families experiencing issues of child abuse access to investigative intervention, treatment, and medical assessment services and follow up support. An Advocate working with children at the Luna Centre plays a crucial role in providing emotional support and stability. They must be able to create a safe and comfortable environment for the children to express themselves freely. Advocates will work alongside our Child Life Specialist and follow any guidelines or protocols in place. Overall, our Child Space Advocate role is to be a compassionate presence for the children and parents to help them feel heard and understood.

Victim Support does not provide counselling, specific legal advice, investigation, or medical intervention.

Duties and Responsibilities:

A comprehensive understanding of Luna's mission, values and principles that guide the organization and the strategies it employs to achieve its objectives.

- Support the Child Life Specialist in projects and other duties as requested.
- Greet families as they enter the Child Space in a friendly and sensitive manner.
- Engage children in positive play opportunities that promote optimal development, self-expression, and a sense of familiarity and control.
- Share talents in arts, craft-making, music, etc. with children who wish to take part.
- Share creativity by preparing crafts and activities so they are easily accessible for use with children when needed.
- Assist in providing a safe environment and alert the Child Life Specialist or available staff member when concerned for safety or well-being of child and/or family member.
- Maintain an overall tidy atmosphere and assist with cleaning the space and toy cleaning as needed.
- Research resources for sensory items, child development specific toys, and tools for the child space.
- Complete all mandatory training.

Skills and Qualifications:

- Be able to work within a team setting to provide a safe, warm, and caring atmosphere for children and their families.
- Provide safe supervised play experiences in a warm and caring manner that is sensitive to each child and family's current needs.
- Be able to work in a team and independently.
- Must be flexible and capable of taking appropriate initiatives.
- Demonstrate excellent verbal and non-verbal communication skills.
- Demonstrate maturity, reliability, and punctuality.
- Must possess sensitivity towards family histories and cultural differences.
- Be able to maintain confidentiality.
- Be able to problem solve and be open to new ideas.
- Be interested and enthusiastic when working with children and families.

About Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre:

Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (formerly Calgary & Area Child Advocacy Centre) is recognized as a centre of excellence in child abuse intervention and prevention. Luna's multi-disciplinary team of experts from health, children's services, law enforcement, justice and victim services work together from one location to help young people and their families throughout the disclosure, investigation, and judicial process, and along all phases of their healing journey. This collaborative model surrounds young people and their families with the specialized supports they need and leverages shared expertise to build engaged communities where everyone plays a role in keeping children and youth safe.

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*At Luna, our **commitment to diversity** is our promise to each other and the individuals and communities we serve. We believe in the inherent benefits of an inclusive and diverse organization that recognizes, embraces, and values all forms of diversity. We strive to remove barriers to inclusion in all aspects of our organization and service delivery, so that we may support, strengthen, benefit from, and contribute to the richness and complexity that is our community.*