3 Brief Intervention School-based Practitioners (BRISC)
(18-month Contract subject to renewal and not to extend beyond June 2019)

Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board - Social Worker (BRISC) (1.0)
Near North District School Board – Social Worker (BRISC) (2.0)

Service Areas: Nipissing Area (2) & Almaguin Highlands and Parry Sound Region (1)

As part of the Northern Supports Initiative funded by the Ministry of Education, the Near North District School Board and the Nipissing-Parry Sound District Catholic School Board are working in partnership to increase access to school-based counselling for grades 7 to 12 students.

We are currently seeking candidates for 3 Brief Intervention School-Based Practitioners (BRISC) that will deliver a stand-alone brief intervention counselling model in a shared regional model between school boards. Practitioners will be provided training in a promising practice developed and currently being researched by the University of Washington. This four-session model combines problem-solving, solution focused and Cognitive Behavioural approaches in a succinct format that has shown promising results in the U.S. and in Ontario.

Requirements:
- Practitioners will be expected to implement a structured four session format.
- Experience working with youth using evidence based interventions (both individual and group).
- Ability to assess student strengths and needs through the use of standardized instruments, observation and coaching on self-reflection and observation.
- Experience engaging students in a problem-solving process of prioritizing needs and examining barriers to success and problem tracking.
- Demonstrated experience in identifying student needs in communication, stress management and realistic thinking.
- Ability to coach new skills including help seeking and advocacy behaviours and provide follow-up booster sessions and coaching as required.
- Ability to complete required documentation and participate in ongoing training supervision, consultation and case management.
- A high degree of initiative, competence, independence, and the ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
- Knowledge of provincial and school-based mental health initiatives, strategies and interventions.
- Proven interpersonal and communication skills, along with a commitment to working with staff, students, parents and community partners.
- Demonstrated problem solving, time management and organization skills.
- Knowledge in the use of software including word processing and data management/analysis.
- For the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board: A clear vision of the mission of a Catholic school system and the ability to articulate that vision to the school community.

Qualifications:
- Bachelor of Social Work (other relevant experience will be considered).
- Experience in brief service models, cognitive behavioural therapy, problem solving approaches and skill teaching in social emotional skills.
- Valid Ontario drivers licence and provide own transportation within the jurisdiction of each respective board.

Qualified applicants who wish to be considered for this position should forward a detailed resume, a written professional reference, the names of two other professional references and for the Nipissing- Parry Sound Catholic District School Board position, a pastoral reference as well. For the Nipissing- Parry Sound Catholic District School Board, please submit to HumanResources@npsc.ca citing posting COPE-2017-2018-28 no later than 12:00 pm
on Monday, April 30, 2018. For the Near North District School Board please submit to Hrrecruitment@nearnorthschools.ca citing posting BRISC no later than 12:00 pm on April 30, 2018.

Both the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board and Near North District School Board are committed to diversity and inclusion. Please contact our respective Human Resources Departments via email at HumanResources@npsc.ca or 705-472-1201. Ext. 2219 and Jodey.Rowlandson@nearnorthschools.ca or 705-472-8170 Ext. 5068 prior to the posting’s closing date should you require any accommodation during the recruitment process.