

# Family Infant Child Consultant



## What do you like best about your job?

What I most like about my job is working with the children and their families. It is an honor to share in their lives and hopefully make even a small difference for them. I like the variety too – every child, family and situation is different.

## Describe your typical day?

In this position each day is different and that is part of the appeal for me. Most days I visit two or three families. In addition to the actual visit to the home there is preparation for the visit such as planning activities, seeking out resources and so on. In addition, there is follow up paperwork in which we are recording notes from the visit and possibly making phone calls to share information with other professionals involved.

## How are you making a difference?

I feel I am making a difference by supporting families who have a child who is behind in their developmental milestones for whatever reason. We provide a service that takes place in the family's own home. Our program offers family centered service and meets the families where they are at. We pay attention to the wants of the family and support them in decision making. We provide resources and activity suggestions to promote the development of the children. It is satisfying to know you have helped in this way.

## What do you like about working or living in Waterloo Region?

I have worked and lived in Waterloo Region for the last 25 years. I love that this Region is large enough to offer lots of things, and small enough to not be too overwhelming. In my work and personal life I appreciate the cultural diversity the region has to offer. I have learned a great deal about other cultures and ethnic groups since I have lived and worked here.



### **Why did you choose to work for Region of Waterloo Public Health?**

I have worked with children and families in a variety of capacities for over 30 years. For many years I have had involvement with the Infant and Child Development Program as well as other departments at the Region of Waterloo. I have always been impressed by the programs the Region operates and when a job came open in Infant and Child Development I was excited about joining this dynamic team and being part of the important work they do.

### **What would you tell someone considering a career as a Family Infant Child Consultant?**

I would tell them that it is a very rewarding job! I would also tell them to expect the unexpected and always be ready to shift gears. Working with babies and families can be very unpredictable so always have a plan, but be prepared to alter that plan as needed too!

#### **Areas you could work in:**

- Infant and Child Development

#### **Qualifications you need:**

- Normally, a Community College Diploma or University Degree specific to child development, plus three years of experience, which includes direct work with developmentally delayed infants, family-centered interventions and developmental screening and assessments.
- Ability to travel to various residential and/or community locations to conduct family visits

#### **Wage/salary range:**

- Approximately \$59,100 to \$67,200 annually (2015 rates)

#### **Related positions at Public Health:**

- Family Visitor



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