

# Family Visitor



## What do you like best about your job?

I enjoy working to help young families with children. As a mother, I understand the importance of good parenting skills and the development that occurs during a child's early years. My job as a Family Visitor gives me the opportunity to work with parents who come from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. As a casual Family Visitor I have benefited from a flexible schedule that allows me to balance my work and family life effectively.

## Describe your typical day?

My typical day depends on the visits I have scheduled that day: I go to the office to do Administrative work, obtain the resources I need and then travel around the region to visit families in their homes or at community places. After my visits I write my notes and complete any of the required follow ups.

## How are you making a difference?

The Family Visitor program works with parents, single moms, single dads, immigrants, grandparents and foster parents, with or without experience raising children. As a parent and an immigrant mom, I have the experience to relate to many of my clients. I believe I make a difference with my positive attitude and experience when I am working with the families I assist, which enables them to achieve their goals. For example I assist them to focus on their children's growth and development, connect them to community resources and provide ongoing support with their existing parental skills.

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

Waterloo Region has two great universities and a community college. It is a small community that offers most of the things that big cities provide without the congestion of the big city. It has a beautiful balance of urban and rural community and it is a great place to raise a family.



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

There are many reasons. First and foremost, I enjoy my job. Public Health is a great place to work with a positive environment. Region of Waterloo Public Health invests in their employees' development by offering them competitive wages and continuous training opportunities.

### **What would you tell someone considering a career as a Family Visitor?**

If you enjoy working with families with young children, people from different cultural backgrounds and enjoy flexibility and travel within the region, then this may be the job for you.

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

- Healthy Babies Healthy Children

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

- Normally, a two-year post-secondary diploma in health, social services or education, plus one year of experience working in a variety of ways with at-risk families with children from prebirth to transition to school age. Ability to travel to various residential and/or community locations to conduct family visits.

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

- Approximately \$51,000 to \$58,000 annually (2015 rates)



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