

## INTERNAL POSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### **Position: Safe Sobering Site Youth Residential Worker (Casual/Relief) – Matawa Education and Care Centre**

Formed in 1988, Matawa First Nations Management (Matawa) is a Tribal Council providing services to nine member communities in Northern Ontario. The organization is dedicated to providing its members with advisory and support services in the areas of communications, economic development, education, finance and business, health, membership and technical services.

The Matawa Education Department supports quality, accessible, community-based educational services for the eight Matawa First Nations Communities of Aroland, Eabametoong, Nibinamik, Long Lake #58, Ginoogaming, Neskantaga, Marten Falls and Webequie First Nations. In addition to providing advisory services to Education Authorities and Matawa First Nation leadership, the Education Department administers post-secondary support services for five Matawa First Nations; operates the Matawa Education and Care Centre, a private secondary school located in the Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for six communities. The MECC Safe Sobering Site however, will accept youth from all Matawa communities.

### **Position Summary:**

At this time, Matawa First Nations Management invites applications from qualified applicants for the position of **Youth Residential Worker** (Casual/Relief) at the Matawa Education and Care Centre's (MECC) Safe Sobering Site (SSS). The MECC is located in Thunder Bay, Ontario and provides a unique learning environment to support students as they move toward the successful completion of their secondary education and continue on their pathways to work, training or post-secondary education programs.

The MECC Safe Sobering Space will be available for Matawa students, primarily aged 13-22 years, that need safe and supervised detoxification and stabilization. MECC will be working under the direction of health care providers.



As a member of the MECC team, the Youth Residential Worker will collaborate with the Safe Sobering Site team to provide support to the students who are admitted in the detox center. The Youth Residential Worker will ensure the ordered care plans are followed, will supervise students at the site while they detoxify, and will provide support to students in their after-care plans. The Youth Residential Workers will maintain case notes, tracking of any referrals/specialized services, after-care services, and program reporting requirements.

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**This position could require the successful applicant to work days, evenings, nights and weekends.**

#### **Preferred Qualifications/Requirements:**

- Bachelor's degree or college diploma in one of the following areas: Community Services (Social Worker, Social Service Worker, Child & Youth Care, Native Child and Family Services, Health Services);
- Minimum three years' related work experience working with youth or students;
- Understanding of addictions, substance abuse and mental health issues;
- Knowledge of First Nation and Ontario education systems;
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with school staff, parents, administration, government and First Nation organizations;
- Knowledge of local programs and services for youth;
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills;
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality;
- Knowledge of Ojibway is an asset. Ability to work effectively with staff, parents and guardians, and administration
- Valid Ontario Driver's License
- Current Criminal Records Check and vulnerable records check
- Current TB skin test



Applicants will also have excellent oral and written communication skills; interpersonal and leadership skills; stress management skills; demonstrated ability to work effectively with Teachers, Principals, students, Administration, government and First Nations; and hold a valid driver's license or the ability to obtain.

For additional information, including specific qualifications for the position, please view the Job Description at the Matawa website:  
**[www.matawa.on.ca](http://www.matawa.on.ca)**.

Please send your cover letter and resume with three employment references to:  
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We offer competitive salary commensurate with education and work experience.

We thank all applicants for their interest in working with Matawa First Nations, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.  
Application Deadline: September 23, 2019

