

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Indigenous Language Coordinator

Background:

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 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 5 Matawa First Nations; operates the Matawa Learning Centre, a private secondary school located in Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for 6 communities.

Matawa is inviting applications for the position of **Indigenous Language Coordinator** with the Matawa Education Department.

Position Summary:

The Indigenous Language Coordinator will work closely with the Choose Life Coordinator and the Mental Health Land-Based Coordinator to develop an indigenous language program with a focus around mental wellness and positive choices. Further, the position will assist in the development and implementation of the Indigenous language curriculum by working closely with the MECC Teachers, Elders and Cultural Workers. As a fluent speaker of Ojibway or Oji-Cree who possesses specialized knowledge and expertise in their native language, the Indigenous Language Coordinator will apply the Matawa methodology and language program philosophy to teach students using approved education techniques. The position also requires the Indigenous Language Coordinator to assist in the development of resources and assessment tools for students and tutors that are part of the learning process. The Indigenous Language Coordinator is responsible for the accurate and timely preparation and submission of all reporting required by school administration and/or appropriate governing bodies



Preferred Qualifications and Experience:

The ideal applicant will have:

- Bachelor's Degree Indigenous Language teaching preferred;
- Membership with the Ontario College of Teachers, or equivalent experience preferred;
- Minimum three years' related work experience with Indigenous youth or students;
- Knowledge and understanding 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;
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality;
- Ability to speak Ojibwe and/or Oji-Cree;

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.

This position is based in Thunder Bay, Ontario and is a contract position to June 26, 2020 with the possibility of extension pending funding and a successful performance review.

For additional information, including specific qualifications for the position, please view the Job Description at the Matawa website:

www.matawa.on.ca.

Please send your cover letter and resume with three employment references to:

Matawa First Nations Management
Attn: Sharon Nate, Education Manager
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RE: Indigenous Language Coordinator
Fax: (807) 768-3301
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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: Open until filled

