



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Recreation Youth Worker

Background:

Incorporated in 2017, the Matawa Health Co-operative (MHC) is a Matawa First Nation owned and controlled health co-operative that provides health care services to enhance existing health services to achieve long-term health and well-being for all members within the nine (9) Matawa First Nations. It is overseen by a Board of Directors and is a member of the Health Care Co-operatives Federation of Canada. The MHC is community-driven with available services being tailored to individual community's needs. It is the first of its kind in Canada.

The MHC works to incorporate traditional healing and medicines in addressing the wholistic health needs of the Matawa First Nations focusing on the priorities of mental health and addictions, diabetes and chronic diseases. It oversees an Inter-Professional Primary Care Health Team made up of a clinical coordinator, 14 nurses (3 are Certified Diabetes Educators), 3 physicians (part-time), 2-foot care nurses, 1 nurse practitioner, and 10 mental health counsellors providing direct services in the Matawa First Nations or through telemedicine.

The organization is accepting applications for a Recreation Youth Worker.

Position Summary:

The Recreation Youth Worker will provide recreational supports and wellness support to First Nation children, youth and young adults from the communities served by Matawa. This role will offer health preventative service delivery and programming from a holistic perspective; seeking to address all areas of wellness including physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.

Specific duties include:

- Plan, coordinate, and deliver/facilitate culturally relevant recreational programming for Matawa children, youth, and young adults. Flexibility with delivery and facilitation of programming is required as this may be done in person, hands-on/land-based, or online via webinars;
- To reach out and work with Matawa community schools and community staff in programing and developing recreational activities to Matawa children, youth, and young adults;
- Maintain competency through ongoing programming, and act as a resource person to Matawa members and to assist with planning community based physical activity programs based on community needs and interests;
- Resource development: supporting Matawa members with culturally appropriate recreational resources and materials;
- Liaise with and respond to all community requests and inquiries with respect to recreation programming; Work collaboratively with MHC's team and community contact;

Preferred Qualifications, Experience, Knowledge and Abilities:

The Recreation Youth Worker must be

- One-year post-secondary education in recreation related discipline
- Diploma related to the area of Social Work will be considered (e.g., Indigenous Services, Native Child & Family Services, Social Service Worker);
- At least 2 years' experience working with Indigenous children, adolescents and/or families in a social services field;
- Knowledge of community recreation programming principles and practices;

The incumbent should also have proficient knowledge in the following areas:

- Self-starter who is able to effectively work independently and/or as part of a team;
- Strong interpersonal and communications skills (written and oral) and an ability to establish and maintain rapport effectively with clients and partners;
- Highly organized, capable to multi-task and manage time effectively;
- Highly adaptable and able to work in a fast-paced environment, while demonstrating appropriate discretion, judgement, and problem-solving skills;
- Knowledge of various computer systems and applications (i.e. Microsoft Office, etc.)

Applicants will have skills and personal attributes as described in the job description.

Location: Thunder Bay, Ontario (with extensive travel to Matawa road-access and remote communities)

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Term: Full-Time, dependent on annual funding

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

Matawa Health Co-operative
RE: Recreation Youth Worker
233 Court Street South, 1st Floor
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2X9

Fax: (807) 346-2371

Email: careers@matawa.on.ca

Deadline: Open Until Filled

For additional information, please view the job description at the Matawa website:

www.matawa.on.ca

(or at: <http://www.matawa.on.ca/recruitment/career-opportunities/>)

We thank all applicants for their interest in working with the Matawa Health Co-operative, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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