



## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Position: Wellness System Navigator

#### Summary:

Formed in 1988, Matawa First Nations Management (Matawa) is a Tribal Council providing services to nine member communities in Northern Ontario.

The Matawa Education Department supports quality, accessible, community-based educational services for eight Matawa First Nation communities: Aroland, Eabametoong, Ginoogaming, Long Lake #58, Marten Falls, Neskantaga, Nibinamik, 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 Education and Care Centre (MECC), a private secondary school located in Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for 8 schools/sites.

The MECC located in Thunder Bay, Ontario, 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. Matawa is inviting applications for the position of **Wellness System Navigator** with the Matawa Education Department.

Reporting to the Executive Director; Education Department, the Matawa Education and Care Centre Principal, and the Mental Health Coordinator, the Wellness System Navigator (WSN) shall provide supports, guidance, and advocacy to prospective and current students of the Matawa Education and Centre (MECC). The WSN is a key position that will require developing relationships with multiple stakeholders, including the Matawa community Education Authorities, parents, students and MECC staff. The WSN will enhance opportunities for authentic relationship building, and provide supportive services and communication to guide students in their educational pathway, which include course and program advising. The WSN will provide ongoing support to students as they move through their academic programs to completion. This position will provide students with the necessary supports tailored to fit the academic and social needs of the individual.





**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); and community work experience
- Lived knowledge of the kinds of experiences students bring to the Matawa Education and Care Centre, including understanding of history and awareness of 'walking in two worlds'
- Ability to develop and sustain healthy relationships with various individuals and groups
- Experience and understanding of school success strategies and intervention models to support student success and learning at elementary and secondary levels
- Demonstrated ability to respond to the developmental needs of students
- Demonstrated ability to be an advocate, problem-solving barriers to students
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality
- Knowledge of Ojibway Cree or Oji-Cree is an asset

We offer competitive salary commensurate with education and work experience. The successful applicant will be required to submit a current Vulnerable Sectors Criminal Record Check and TB skin test. This is a (1) one year contract position with the possibility of extension pending funding for the position and successful evaluation. Matawa First Nations Management has adopted a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy by which all staff who are eligible must be fully vaccinated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact us.

Please submit cover letter with resume and three employment references to:

Matawa First Nations Management  
Re: **Wellness System Navigator**  
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Ontario P7C 5Y2  
Fax: (807) 768-3301  
Email: [education@matawa.on.ca](mailto:education@matawa.on.ca)

**Closing Date: November 29, 2022**

Thank you for your interest in working with the Matawa Education and Care Centre, however only successful applicants will be contacted.

