



## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Position:** Mental Health Promotions Resource Worker (Youth)

### **Background:**

Incorporated in 2017, the Matawa Health Cooperative (MHC) is a Matawa First Nations 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.

MHC is accepting applications for **Mental Health Promotions Resource Worker (Youth)**.

### **Position Summary:**

The MHC Mental Health Promotions Resource Worker will provide mental health and wellness support specifically to First Nations children and youth from the communities served by Matawa. This role will be responsible for the development, planning, and delivery of mental health and wellness-based programming and events as well as the development, distribution, and promotion of mental health and wellness-based resources and materials to Matawa members. All of this must be done from a holistic perspective; seeking to address all areas of wellness including: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. Planning and development must also strongly take into consideration our Indigenous culture and values.

### **Specific Duties Include:**

- Act as a resource and support person to Matawa children, youth, families, and caregivers who are in Thunder Bay, as well as the Matawa First Nations remote communities, and MHC staff as it pertains to inquiries that are related to system navigation;
- Provide support and advocacy to Matawa children and youth who are in Thunder Bay, as well as the Matawa First Nations remote communities, as it pertains to system navigation (examples may include but are not limited to: Mental Health and Counselling Services, Healthcare, Substance Misuse/Addictions, Criminal Youth Justice System, Income Support & Poverty Reduction, Shelter/Housing/Food Security, Identification, etc.);
- Provide support to Matawa children and youth who are in Thunder Bay, as well as the

Matawa First Nations remote communities, as it pertains to completing and submitting applications (examples may include but are not limited to: Identification, Housing, Non-insured Health Benefits (Indigenous Services Canada), Jordan's Principle, Ontario Disability Support Program, Income Support & Subsidies, Education/funding, Treatment, etc.);

- Work as part of a multi-disciplinary team by collaborating with other Matawa programs and services (e.g., Membership, Awashishewiigihiwaywiin Social Services Framework, Health & Social Meno Biimadeswin, Outreach Services, Matawa Education & Care Centre, Education Programs);
- Provide supports and education on the application process of a variety of programs and services to meet the needs of First Nations children and youth from the communities served by Matawa;
- Work in partnership with Matawa communities and their front-line staff (e.g., Chief & Council, Health Directors, Crisis Coordinators/Teams, Victim Services, Choose Life Workers, Nursing Stations, NNADAP Workers, Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers);
- Maintain accurate and confidential client records electronically and in a timely manner;
- Maintain confidentiality at all times and follow duty to report requirements as necessary;
- Connect members to culturally relevant supports and services as requested/needed;
- Participate in supervision meetings to review cases/issues, receive education, direction, support and debriefing as needed;
- Develop and maintain respectful, cooperative working relationships with others;
- Participate in team meetings, professional meetings, conferences, and seminars;
- Travel to Matawa First Nations communities, often by small aircraft;
- All other duties as deemed necessary by your immediate Lead/Supervisor.

### **Preferred Qualifications, Experience, Knowledge, and Abilities:**

The Mental Health Promotions Resource Worker must possess a diploma related to the field of Social Work (e.g., Indigenous Studies, Native Child & Family Services, Social Service Worker).

Applicants must be able and willing to travel to the Matawa communities as required and must have a valid G Class Driver's License (Ontario). Applicants must be willing to provide a police criminal background check and a vulnerable sector check.

Candidate should have excellent leadership skills, be creative, outgoing, and possess the ability to speak and deliver presentations publicly. Finally, the ideal candidate must also be able to display and support Matawa Health Co-operative's vision, mission, and goals in providing respectful and effective health care/mental health services.

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

- Experience with planning and facilitating programming considered an asset;
- Minimum of 2 years' experience working with Indigenous children, adolescents and/or families in a social services field;
- Previous experience working with First Nations communities is an asset;
- Fluency in Cree, Oji-Cree, or Ojibway is an asset.

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

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience

**Term:** Full-Time Position, Dependent on Annual Funding

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

Matawa Health Co-operative  
RE: MH Promotions Resource Worker (Youth)  
233 Court Street South  
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2X9  
Fax: (807) 346-2371  
Email: [MHC-Careers@matawa.on.ca](mailto:MHC-Careers@matawa.on.ca)

**Deadline:** Open Until Filled

***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.***



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