

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Mental Health Coordinator

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.

Matawa Education and Care Centre is located in Thunder Bay ON and is inviting applications for the position of **MECC Mental Health Coordinator**.

Reporting to the Executive Director of Education, the Principal, the Vice Principal, the Matawa Education and Center (MECC) Mental Health Coordinator will contribute to the academic and social experience of the school environment by addressing student mental health needs and issues. The MECC Mental Health Coordinator will ensure successful intervention protocols in such areas as attendance, health and wellness, social and emotional development, addictions as well as crisis intervention.

As a member of the MECC, the MECC Mental Health Coordinator shall provide professional direction and support to the MECC by identifying and implementing programs and strategies that support student and staff mental health and wellness. This will include professional development and training as well as providing assessment, coaching and mentoring for improved, coordinated, culturally safe, community-based and student-centered mental health and wellness programming.



Preferred Qualifications/Requirements:

- A degree in Social Work, School Psychology, or related discipline, and registration with a related professional governing body (e.g. Ontario College of Social Workers) or equivalent combination of education and experience (minimum of 5 years) related to the position;
- Extensive clinical experience working with children and youth in health promotion, prevention, intervention, and/or crisis intervention;
- Experience in strategic planning and development in mental health and wellness for First Nation students;
- Knowledge of mental health issues with First Nation youth;
- Experience and understanding of mental health strategies and intervention models to support student success in an academic setting;
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality;
- First Nation Cultures and life styles;
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation and Ontario education systems;
- Experience and understanding of evidence-based mental health strategies and intervention models to support students and staff at elementary and secondary levels;
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with school staff, parents, administration, government and First Nation organizations;
- 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: **Mental Health Coordinator**
200 N. Lillie St Thunder Bay,
Ontario P7C 5Y2
Fax: (807) 768-3301
Email: education@matawaeducation.ca

Deadline for application December 11, 2023 @ 4:30pm

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

