



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Child & Youth Mental Health & Wellness Worker

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.

The organization is accepting applications for **Child & Youth Mental Health & Wellness Worker**.

Position Summary:

The Child and Youth Mental Health & Wellness Worker provides mental health counselling, case management, support and intervention services to First Nations children, youth, and families from communities served by Matawa. The majority of the nine communities are remote, and only assessable by air transportation. This position involves routine travel.

Specific Duties Include:

- Provide solution-focused counselling services to Matawa children and youth who are in Thunder Bay as well as the Matawa First Nations remote communities;
- Support Matawa children and youth in addressing mental health issues that may include but are not limited to: trauma, grief and loss, depression/anxiety, self-harm/suicide prevention services, harm-reduction, safety planning, and substance misuse and addictions;
- Case management skills (scheduling and managing appointments, home visits, and wellness checks which may be in person and/or virtually);
- Advocacy and assistance with system navigation, support, and referrals (coordinate and network with community services and supports to provide members with services that address their individualized needs);
- Connect members to culturally relevant supports as requested/needed;
- Maintain accurate and confidential client records electronically and in a timely manner;
- Plan, coordinate, and deliver/facilitate culturally relevant mental health and wellness programming for Matawa children and youth. Flexibility with delivery and facilitation of programming is required as this may be done in person, hands-on/land-based, or online/virtually;
- Maintain competency throughout ongoing mental health and wellness activities and/or programming, and act as a resource person to Matawa children and youth;
- Resource development: supporting Matawa children and youth with culturally appropriate mental health and wellness resources and materials;

- Work collaboratively with MHC’s Mental Health Team and Health Promotion Educator;
- Work as part of a multi-disciplinary team;
- Participate in regular supervision and team meetings as required;
- Routine travel to Matawa communities, some of which can only be accessed by small aircraft;
- All other duties as deemed necessary by your immediate Lead/Supervisor.

Preferred Qualifications, Experience, Knowledge, and Abilities:

The Child & Youth Mental Health & Wellness Worker must possess at minimum: a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work, or related field. Applicants with a diploma related to the area of Social Work will be considered (e.g., Indigenous Studies, Native Child & Family Services, Social Service Worker). It is strongly preferred that the applicant be registered with a regulatory body (e.g., College of Social Workers/Social Service Workers or equivalent).

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. Finally, the ideal candidate must also have the ability 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:

- Knowledge of foundational theories, principles, and practices as they relate to Social Services, Social Work, and/or Counselling;
- Knowledge of assessment tools and harm-reduction practices;
- Strong knowledge of practice regulations: familiar with privacy, confidentiality, and duty to report;
- Knowledge of support services, both in Thunder Bay and in the Matawa communities;
- Cultural Competency;
- Knowledge of First Nations culture, history, community-based services, geographic realities, and social conditions within remote First Nations communities.

Location: Thunder Bay, ON (with extensive 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: Child & Youth MH & Wellness Worker
 233 Court Street South
 Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2X9 Fax: (807) 346-2371
 Email: MHC-Careers@matawa.on.ca

Deadline: Open until filled.

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