

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: School Mental Health Worker

Background: Formed in 1988, Matawa First Nations Management (Matawa) is a Tribal Council providing services to nine member communities in Northern Ontario. The organization is dedicated to providing its members with advisory and support services in the areas of communications, economic development, education, finance and business, health, membership and technical services.

The Matawa Education Department supports quality, accessible, community-based educational services for eight Matawa First Nations communities of Aroland, Eabametoong, Nibinamik, Long Lake #58, Ginoogaming, Neskantaga, Marten Falls 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 Learning Centre, a private secondary school located in Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for 6 communities.

Matawa is inviting applications for the position of **Mental Worker (MHW)** with the Matawa Education Department.

Position Summary:

The main responsibility of the MHW is to provide mental health support to Matawa First Nations students attending MECC and High Schools in Thunder Bay. The MECC MHW will address the mental health needs of students, and work in collaboration with the MECC Principal, staff and community.

The MHW will be part of the MECC School team. The MHW shall develop and implement a strategic plan that will address student mental and healthy lifestyles. Develop a plan that address and promote safety of students while attending school off reserve. This may include working with parents, Boarding Parents, Student Boarding Home Counsellors, and other service provider agencies.

The MHW will ensure the needs of students attending provincial school off reserve are identified. This includes identifying any supports required by Matawa students while attending secondary schools in Thunder Bay.



The ideal applicant will have:

- A Degree in Social Work, School Psychology, or related discipline and work experience;
- Understanding of mental health issues with First Nation youth;
- Understanding of First Nation and Ontario education systems;
- Mental Health service providers;
- Experience in strategic planning and development in mental health and wellness for First Nation students;
- Experience and understanding of mental health strategies and intervention models to support student success and academic setting;
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality;
- First Nation Cultures and life styles; and
- Fluency in Ojibway, Cree or Oji-Cree is considered an asset.

Applicants will also have excellent oral and written communication skills; interpersonal and leadership skills; stress management skills; demonstrated ability to work effectively with teachers, principals, students, administration, government and First Nations; and hold a valid driver's license or the ability to obtain.

For additional information, including specific qualifications for the position, please view the Job Description at the Matawa website: **www.matawa.on.ca**.

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

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Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5Y2
RE: **Mental Health Worker**

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We offer competitive salary commensurate with education and work experience. We thank all applicants for their interest in working with Matawa First Nations, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Application Deadline: Open until filled

