

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Safe Sobering Site Addiction Crisis Worker – 1 Year Contract

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 the 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 Nations leadership, the Education Department administers post-secondary support services for five Matawa First Nations; operates the Matawa Education and Care Centre, a private secondary school located in the Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for six communities. The MECC Safe Sobering Site (SSS) however, will accept youth from all Matawa communities.

Position Summary:

At this time, Matawa First Nations Management invites applications from qualified applicants for the position of **Addiction Crisis Worker** at the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC). The MECC is located in Thunder Bay, Ontario and 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.

The MECC Safe Sobering Site will be available for Matawa students, primarily aged 13-22 years, that need a safe and supervised detoxification and stabilization. MECC will be working under the direction of health care providers



The Addiction Crisis Worker will work with the Safe Sobering Site team to provide immediate crisis intervention, support and assistance to intoxicated students. The Addiction Crisis Worker will develop an immediate after-care plan in coordination with the MECC Mental Health Team. Any students who require ongoing individual/group counselling will be referred to community agencies and/or will be involved in cultural programming for additional support and care. Further, the Addiction Crisis Worker will maintain effective case management, tracking of any referrals/specialized services, after-care services, and program reporting requirements. The position would also work with the MECC Team to minimize gaps and improve overall services.

Requirements:

- 5+ years education related work experience;
- 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); or equivalent community work experience;
- Knowledge of First Nation Education & Health issues, Challenges, and Delivery models;
- Experience working with First Nation youth;
- Experience dealing with youth who are intoxicated or in crisis;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills;
- Experience with administration including record keeping, budgeting and reporting;
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation education;
- Ability to work effectively with staff, parents or guardians, and administration;
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality
- Valid Ontario Driver's License;
- Current Criminal Records Check and vulnerable records check;
- Current TB skin test.

This is a one-year contract position with the possibility of extension pending funding and a successful performance review.

Salary: We offer a salary range between \$45,000 - \$65,000 annually, commensurate with education and work experience.





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

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

Matawa First Nations Management
RE: **SAFE SOBERING SITE ADDICTION CRISIS WORKER**
200 Lillie St North
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7C 5Y2
Email: careers@matawa.on.ca

Application Deadline: Monday August 10, 2026

We thank all applicants for their interest in working with Matawa First Nations Management; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

