



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Youth Mental Wellness Worker (Traditional Knowledge Keeper)
(1-year Contract with a possibility of extension)

Are you a mental wellness worker with a passion for helping Indigenous Children and Youth? Are you a traditional knowledge keeper with the ability to facilitate cultural activities and ceremonies? Do you have experience working with high-risk youth? If so, this opportunity is for you!

Our Mental Wellness team provides a holistic model of care for Indigenous children and youth and is seeking a traditional knowledge keeper to provide traditional ceremonies and healing activities to Indigenous youth. The successful candidate will work as a part of a team to coordinate and facilitate ceremonies and other cultural activities. The ultimate goal of this position is to ensure that vulnerable youth have access to traditional ceremony and cultural activities to support their healing and wellness. All children and youth deserve physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being and this position will work as part of Wabano's Mental Wellness team to ensure these vulnerable clients are receiving the best care for their holistic well-being.

The Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health is an award-winning Health Access Centre that provides holistic health services to First Nations, Inuit and Métis people living in the Ottawa –one of the fastest growing and diverse urban Indigenous communities in Canada. Wabano is a fast-paced, client orientated organization that models the Indigenous values of balance, respect and community interdependence. Wabano is proud to be accredited through the Canadian Centre for Accreditation, a third-party review based on accepted organizational practices that promote ongoing quality improvement and responsive, effective community service.

Purpose of Position:

- Plan, coordinate and facilitate healing ceremonies and cultural activities (the incumbent would facilitate ceremonies they are comfortable facilitating and also bring in alternative facilitators as appropriate to the clients' needs). Ceremonies could be conducted at Wabano or at an appropriate external location depending on the ceremony or activity;
- Collaborate with other Wabano workers in order to facilitate groups and cultural activities;
- Build relationships and trust with program participants;
- Connect with participants and refer them to other Wabano programs and services as appropriate;
- Build and maintain relationships with local Indigenous community partners;



- Keep accurate and timely electronic records required for the position (including data entry into the Electronic Medical Records systems, reporting, etc).

Qualifications:

- A post-secondary degree in a mental wellness field or equivalent combination of education and work experience;
- Knowledge of one's own Indigenous traditions with the ability to facilitate certain ceremonies or cultural activities;
- Openness to the traditions of others;
- Strong organization and planning skills;
- Experience working with Indigenous community;
- Experience working with youth would be considered a strong asset;
- Good oral and written communication skills;
- Knowledge of Indigenous organizations and services available in Ottawa;
- Thorough understanding of Canadian Indigenous history and its impact on youth mental health and social determinants of health;
- Knowledge of social, economic and health issues relevant to the urban Indigenous communities;
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively on a team with a strong client focus;
- Wabano is a client focused organization, which means the successful candidates will have the flexibility to work with it is convenient for youth to access the Centre. Workers who work with children and youth are expected to work occasional evenings and weekends.

Specifications:

- Must be First Nations, Inuit or Métis (please self-identify);
- Successful applicants would be required to submit a criminal reference check.

To pursue this opportunity, please submit a cover letter and resume by September 08, 2019 to jobs@wabano.com.

We thank all those who apply. Only those selected for further consideration will be contacted. Wabano is committed to providing employment accommodation in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. If contacted for an employment opportunity or interview, please advise if you require accommodation.