



Prince George Native Friendship Centre

Job Posting

Job Title: Clinician
Department: Aboriginal Child & Youth Wellness Program
Reports To: Aboriginal Child & Youth Wellness Program Coordinator

SCOPE OF POSITION:

The Aboriginal Child and Youth Wellness Program requires a full time (35hrs./week) Clinician. The Clinician will work with children, youth and their families in Prince George and surrounding areas to carry out the duties of this position. The team provides holistic services to, primarily, Aboriginal children, youth and their families. The position includes mental health assessment, counselling support, cultural connections, crisis intervention, referral and advocacy, group facilitation, case management and working closely with all service providers in the community.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's Degree in Social Work, Educational Counselling, Clinical Psychology or Child and Youth Care; or comparable graduate degree at the Master's level, or equivalent
- Experience working in child and youth mental health services, with responsibility for providing a wide range of community based wellness services
- Experience in counselling and crisis intervention
- Experience in group facilitation
- Familiarity with Aboriginal teachings and practices
- Ability to work independently and as a team member
- Ability to build relationships with the professional community
- Oral and written communication skills
- Computer literacy
- Ability to work occasional evenings/weekends
- Ability to travel in order to provide outreach services
- Criminal record check is a requirement

DUTIES:

- Develop and deliver prevention, intervention, wellness and risk reduction activities that are culturally relevant to the community; in the format of groups, camps, workshops and individual counselling
- Participate in local cultural and healing practices; work from an Aboriginal model of wellness while respecting PGNFC cultural protocols
- Provide direct clinical services such as intake, assessment, treatment, and crisis intervention
- Administer and score mental health-related test instruments appropriate to the profession
- Provide comprehensive assessment and treatment planning; and conduct individual, group and family therapy
- Conduct suicide assessments and crisis interventions
- Maintain basic knowledge of psycho-tropic medications as prescribed by a physician, maintaining an awareness of the effects of such medications
- Provide liaison, consultative and education services to other service providers on behalf of aboriginal clients and their families, within the limits of client confidentiality
- Promote and support opportunities for community partnerships

- Work collaboratively with the team to identify community and systemic issues to be addressed; and deliver services, as guided by, and in consultation with, the coordinator and team
- Collaborate with other PGNFC programs to provide education and culturally relevant programming
- Maintain systemic requirements, such as documentation and reporting
- Client files must be maintained as directed, with forms and assessments completed
- Documentation of attempts to contact parents and clients; and case management activities
- Monthly reports need to be submitted by the 6th of the following month
- Function as a case manager to ensure client needs are being met, including attending integrated case management meetings, being the case manager, mental health monitoring and assessment, connecting clients to appropriate mental health services as needed
- Engage in ongoing professional development in areas where skill development is most needed, including cultural teachings

Facilitating Groups and Workshops for Children, Youth and Parents:

- Developing and delivering groups in response to client needs and interests; on the spectrum of prevention – early intervention/risk reduction – therapeutic intervention
 - These group experiences will reflect cultural practices and teachings
- Developing and delivering workshops in response to capacity building and community issues (topics for groups and workshops may include mental health issues, parenting, anger & stress management, grief and loss, self care, suicide, effective communication including conflict resolution, social skill development and other themes as identified by clients)

Cultural Camps and Events:

- Play a support role in culture camps and sweats, and lead camp activities
- Work collaboratively with the Spiritual and Cultural Advisors

Client & Family Support:

- Provide individual supportive counselling and outreach that is holistic and inclusive of Aboriginal healing practices
- Work with children of all ages
- Respond to crisis situations; provide risk assessments and interventions as required
- Assess client needs, develop and implement treatment plans which enhance daily functioning and encourage healthy lifestyle choices
- Assist caregivers in developing coping strategies, including self care
- Support clients and caregivers in relevant community referrals and accessing services from other agencies

Community Partnerships:

- Establish and maintain effective collaborative relationships with community organizations in order to plan and deliver joint services

Other Duties:

- Outreach counselling, and travelling to other communities to deliver services
- Availability for flexible working hours
- Other duties as required

To apply please submit a resume, cover letter and three (3) references to:

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Applications will be accepted until **12 Noon on Friday, Dec 1st, 2017**. No telephone inquiries please.
 We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.