



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Addictions Worker

LONDON, ON

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AtlohSA Family Healing Services is seeking a motivated and knowledgeable individual to fill the role of *Addictions Worker*. As the Addictions Worker, you will be part of an inter-professional outreach team working from an Indigenous lens in both inpatient and outpatient/community settings conducting assessments for Indigenous community members (adults aged 18 to 64) who suffer from a serious mental health and/or addictions issues. This position involves working in the Biigajiiskaan: Indigenous Pathways to Mental Wellness Program (BIIG) and reports to the Project Leader and to the Physician Lead for clinical services. This is a challenging and exciting opportunity to work in a collaborative inter-professional environment delivering holistic health care and social service as part of an Indigenous-led Mental Wellness Initiative.

Role and Responsibility

Using a Holistic Indigenous-led approach to principles of patient centered care, and based upon the foundation of best practice, the successful applicant will be responsible for providing education and support individuals to address addiction-related issues and concerns, specifically substance misuse. The Addiction Worker will provide counselling, appropriate referrals, and culturally appropriate and holistic social services, programs, and resources. The Addictions Worker will work from a "Culture as Care" framework, and will provide support towards a health care approach that combines both Traditional Indigenous Healing from various Indigenous community perspectives and the current treatment modalities being employed within St. Joseph's hospital and ambulatory care teams. The Addictions Worker is adept at coordinating and collaborating with the interdisciplinary Biigajiiskaan team toward the achievement of patient centered goals. The successful candidate will provide support to program participants in all areas of mental wellness including but not limited to: independent living skills and behavior management; mental health concerns; addictions issues.

Suitability

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the languages, traditional ways, history, cultures and healing practices of the Indigenous population in the London region
- Current knowledge of Indigenous community services and resources
- Bachelor's degree or college diploma (three years/ post diploma) in a field relevant to psychotherapy, plus 2 years of addiction experience
- Able to triage referrals and inquiries for mental health and addictions team
- Standard First Aid & CPR
- Crisis Intervention technique training
- Knowledge of best practice guidelines for individuals with substance use, trauma informed care and treatment for substance use and concurrent mental health
- Experience in a hospital &/ or Indigenous community setting preferred
- Highly developed communication, prioritization, and organizational skills
- Sound judgment and strong problem-solving skills
- Knowledge of health promotion, disease prevention, behaviour change and health teaching.
- Demonstrated ability to accept and adapt to changing priorities, procedures, methods, and continuous improvement strategies
- Demonstrated critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Demonstrated understanding of: MS Word, MS PowerPoint, MS Excel, Microsoft One Note, Outlook
- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to exercise considerable judgment, tact and discretion in preparing, disclosing and handling information of a confidential &/ or sensitive nature
- Current Vulnerable Sector check required

Applicants of Indigenous Ancestry preferred. This position will include frequent travel therefore a G license and personal vehicle will be required.

EMPLOYMENT TERM: Full-Time, 37.5 hours/week

REMUNERATION: Competitive compensation and benefits package based on qualifications

CLOSING DATE: October 2, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Please submit a cover letter and resume or referral to:

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Full Job Description Available Upon Request. We thank all those who apply however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.