

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Wellness Worker

Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society ("Nurturing Families Living in Peace")



A recent staff survey shows some of Awo Taan's strengths are interesting & challenging work and policies that encourage work/life balance.

The Wellness Worker works within a team of committed members who provide supportive counseling, referrals & advocacy, information, safety planning, and education on family violence while families stay in our 27 bed emergency women's shelter. All programs are offered within a wholistic approach which includes traditional Aboriginal Spiritual concepts and ceremonies; blended with contemporary methods.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for intake & discharge of residents;
- To provide immediate response to crisis calls & provide appropriate crisis intervention;
- Provide supportive counselling services, advocacy & referrals to residents of the shelter;
- Assist other crisis counsellors, volunteers & practicum students, when necessary;
- Daily log/contact with each resident/file, including all relevant forms, referrals, phone assessments & advocacy;
- Data entry using HOMES (Hull Outcome Monitoring and Evaluation System);
- Attend staff meetings & staff training opportunities;
- Shift work is required of all Full Time Wellness Counsellors;
- Ensure residents' safety;
- Facilitate house meetings & Healing Circles;
- Ability to communicate & model healthy language and behaviours;
- Other duties, as required.

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Diploma or Degree in the Social Work field or related counseling field, with related experience, & registration with that governing body;
- Knowledge & skills in working with individuals/families affected by domestic violence, in risk management, & an awareness of community resources & programs available to support families;
- Past crisis intervention experience in a hectic environment;
- Understanding & knowledge of Aboriginal culture and traditions; the ability to speak an Aboriginal language would be an asset;
- Knowledge of family violence & its effects;
- CPR/First Aid Certificate; Suicide Intervention & Prevention training;
- CWIS & Criminal Record check;
- Strong interpersonal, communication, & advocacy skills;
- Strong organizational skills & initiative;
- Ability to work independently & to work as part of a team;

Closing Date: Sept 22, 2010 at 4:00pm

Please forward cover letter & resume to:

Selection Committee
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Thank you for applying. Only those short listed will be contacted. No phone calls or emails please.