



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Youth-in-Transition Housing Support Worker (Full-time)

*You have experience working with Indigenous youth between the ages for 16 and 17 years old.
You are an advocate for sustainable housing and you have experience with local community resources.
Your passion is helping youth to reach their full potential and have better outcomes as they transition into adulthood.*

Consider joining Wabano!

Wabano is seeking positive, community-minded team members who are energized by challenge and motivated to serve our community!

Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health is an award-winning Health Access Centre that provides holistic health services to First Nation, Inuit and Métis people living in Ottawa - one of the fastest growing and diverse urban Indigenous communities in Canada. Wabano is a fast-paced, client-oriented 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 services.

Purpose of Position

The Youth-in-Transition Housing Worker provides housing services to youth ages 16 and 17 who have been identified as being First Nation, Inuit or Métis. The Youth Housing Worker will advocate for youth, provide program support and support youth to sustain and keep housing.

Some of the responsibilities of this position are:

- Assist youth to access appropriate, affordable housing or assist youth to resolve current housing crisis;
- Serve as a first contact for youth aged 16 and 17 and conduct intake in order to determine client needs and appropriate supports;
- Assist youth with obtaining income supports and other community services/resources to facilitate obtaining or retaining housing;
- Provide support in all facets of the clients life as identified by the client, including (but not limited to):housing, employment, financial aid, health care, social supports;
- Refer clients to appropriate internal and external service as required in order to ensure on-going support;
- Visit prospective housing with clients and assist with lease-signing, where necessary;
- Advocate for the specific housing needs of eligible youth to municipal service managers and local housing providers, enhancing cultural sensitivity and respect;



- Work closely with community agencies to ensure all eligible youth have access to the program and support;
- Develop an action plan for clients and follow up as necessary;
- Provide programs/services at a time which best meets the needs of clients, which will include evenings and weekends as directed by the manager (regular evenings and occasional weekends required);
- Provide continual support to youth such as life-skills programming financial management, budgeting, etc. to support sustained housing;
- Promote Indigenous beliefs, values and traditions that enhance health;
- Other client-related tasks as required.

Qualifications:

- Post secondary completion in Social Work, Child & Youth work, Indigenous studies, or other relevant area of study.
- Two years of experience working with youth, at-risk or homeless youth;
- Thorough experience in areas of trauma, family violence, abuse, addictions, homelessness;
- Knowledge, sensitivity, and awareness of history, culture of Indigenous people;
- Ability to follow direction;
- Ability to function in a high pressure/high stress environment;
- Excellent oral and written communications and computer skills;
- Knowledge of Indigenous and non-Indigenous community resources and related services;
- Excellent time management skills, ability to multi-task and prioritize;
- Current CPR-First AID level C or willingness to acquire the training.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office tools, particularly Excel, Word and PowerPoint;
- Ability to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends.
- Clear criminal reference check to work with vulnerable population is required.

First Nations, Inuit or Métis candidates will be given priority, please self-identify.

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

This opportunity will remain open until filled. Tell us your story early!

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 interviewing, please advise if you require accommodation.