EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Cultural Housing Support Worker
(Full-time Contract to March 31, 2020)
(2 Positions)

Are you a passionate Indigenous person who loves to share your knowledge of traditional cultural practices and ceremonies because you understand the connection to healthy living? Do you love to provide support to individuals and families and have experience responding to crisis? If you love to share your cultural knowledge because you know the value it brings to people this role is for you! Wabano is seeking positive, community-minded team members who are energized by challenge and motivated to serve our community.

The 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

Reporting to the Director of Housing, the Cultural Housing Support Worker will provide cultural supports (teachings and ceremonies) to help clients remain housed.

Responsibilities

- Collaboratively work with the Housing team to develop and implement cultural programming to enhance client care during the housing process;
- Provide cultural teachings and ceremony to housing clients;
- Create and foster a safe and supportive environment for clients and families;
- Complete outreach at shelters and in the community to engage individuals seeking housing and to engage collaboratively with partner organizations;
- Participate in housing initiatives, assist and encourage clients to maintain housing;
- Assist in client meetings with other housing to provide support for the housing team and clients;
- Provide support to connect with peers and strengthen positive relationships with family members and friends;
- Provide life skills, coaching, offer advice and support services for referred individuals and their families;
- Provide cultural support for street-involved or at-risk urban Indigenous people, including visiting external organizations to provide cultural support;
• Provide traditional healing and wellness practices to help clients remain housed;
• Assist with the coordination of opportunities for social engagement and inclusion in community life, such as volunteer experiences, social clubs, organized activities sports, etc.;
• Complete reporting and other administrative tasks as required;
• Participate in community events as required and assigned by supervisor; and,
• Other duties as required.

Qualifications

• Post-secondary completion in Human Services, Social Work, other applicable program equivalent combination of education and experience;
• Four years of experience working in a role of sharing cultural knowledge and programming;
• Ability to facilitate programming involving traditional Indigenous crafts, storytelling and other cultural knowledge/skills;
• Demonstrated knowledge of urban Indigenous housing and poverty challenges;
• Experience working effectively on a team and with a strong client focus;
• Excellent interpersonal and communication skills;
• 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.

*This position requires a candidate identifying as First Nations, Inuit or Métis, please self-identify.*

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

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.