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Family Wellness Partner

Location: Calgary, AB
Position Type: Full time
Hours: Monday – Friday (37.5 hours/ week)
Program: Mahmawi-atoskiwin

Position Summary:

Miskanawah is an Indigenous agency that draws jointly from the strengths and guidance of Indigenous teachings and traditions and evidence-based practices in human services, to support vulnerable children, youth and families.

Miskanawah is seeking a Family Wellness Partner to work within our Mahmawi-atoskiwin program. This individual will be the primary contact person for the family. Family Wellness Partners address child intervention concerns and work to promote family wellness, connection and reunification. This individual will report to the Team Leader at Mahmawi-atoskiwin working in close consultation with Children's Services (CS) case workers.

Responsibilities:

- Supporting families during their involvement with CS in the home and community
- Build parental capacity, provide crisis management and safety plan with families and CS
- Evaluate family needs and support families in meeting them
- Willingness to learn about, participate in ceremony and incorporate traditional ways of meeting needs into services. This may include meeting in Circle, meeting with Elders, opening with a smudge and prayer and accessing a cultural resources specialist
- Establishing positive relationships with families and youth, advocating on behalf of families (where needed)
- For families with children in care, Family Wellness Partner's may assist with supported access visits between children and their parents
- Collaborate with other members of the team including CS case workers, agency colleagues, cultural supports and community partners
- Provide on-call support to families on a rotation basis (approx. once per quarter), and driving families to sweat lodges (approx. once per quarter)



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- Ensure all documentation requirements including reporting is completed timeously
- Ensure outcomes, assessments, service plans etc. are current and up to date
- Contributes to a positive, supportive and rewarding work environment
- Work a flexible schedule including occasional evenings to meet the needs of the families

Skills and experiences:

- Ability to prioritize, time manage, and multi-task in a fast paced environment
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- Ability to problem solve independently
- Flexible and adaptable to new tasks
- Demonstrate sound judgement and decision-making skills
- Previous work with Indigenous families is an asset
- Ability to manage deadlines
- Strong people skills; calm under pressure
- Self-motivated, uses initiative
- Ability to maintain a high level of accuracy in reporting
- Crisis Management experience an asset

Requirements:

- Diploma or Degree in Human Services preferred or a related degree with experience
- Minimum three years' experience with in-home support and family work
- Knowledge of Children's Services and child development
- Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check
- Child Intervention Check
- Experience working for a Not-for-profit an asset
- Competency in Microsoft applications including Word, Excel and Outlook
- Current First Aid and CPR
- Use of a reliable vehicle with \$2,000,000 liability, permission to carry passengers and business coverage on the vehicle
- Valid driver's license and a driver's abstract with minimal demerits

We offer the opportunity to be part of a creative and positive work environment, a competitive salary, supports for professional development, opportunity for advancement, and the chance to be part of a team that supports children, youth and families to thrive within a culturally responsive community.



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Please submit a cover letter and resume to careers@miskanawah.ca by October 16, 2020. Please reference "Family Wellness Partner" in the subject line.