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NIPISIS - SPECIALIZED INDIGENOUS FOSTER CARE PROVIDER

Location: Calgary, AB
Position Type: Full time
Salary: \$27,000 annually
Program: Nipisis (formerly known as Mentor Homes)

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.

We are seeking individuals, couples, or families to open their homes to youth in our Nipisis Program--regular people who with support are able to make transformational changes in a young person's life.

Nipisis is designed to meet the individualized needs of Indigenous youth aged 10 to 18 years. Youth live in your home and become a part of your family life. They are encouraged to explore their Indigenous heritage and participate in cultural events in the community. Through the supports available in the program youth finish school, form caring relationships, and gain skills and confidence to prepare them for healthy adult life.

You will learn strategies to help the youth living in your home and receive 24-hour-a-day support. We will help you learn more about Indigenous culture. Youth in the program are also partnered with a Youth Worker and a Cultural Person who spend time with them.

NIPISIS PARENTS:

- Have at least one adult over the age of 21 in the home
- Come from all cultures and walks of life
- Support and encourage Indigenous cultural engagement
- Have a bedroom for the youth
- Undergo screening, assessment and training
- Engage in on-going training, Nipisis Parent meetings and gatherings
- Maintain their regular jobs in the community, stay home with their own children, or finish their education while providing mentor care to Nipisis youth
- Are financially compensated (\$27,000 to \$29,000 annually, tax exempt) and additional expenses



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Skills and experiences:

- Understanding of Indigenous culture and/or willingness to learn and be open to cultural experiences
- Experience in Human Services field an asset

Requirements:

- Complete a SAFE Assessment which ensures that the home is appropriate and safe for youth in the program
- Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check
- Child Intervention Check
- Valid First Aid or CPR certification
- Suicide Awareness Training
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Self-Harm Training
- Complete 35 hours of “pre-placement training” (training is on-line, work at your own pace)

Please email expressions of interest to Paige Cairns at pcairns@miskanawah.ca and reference “Nipisis – Specialized Indigenous Foster Care provider” in the subject line.

We also welcome phone calls if you want additional information or have any questions. Please call Paige at 403-975-0294.