

Youth Lodge Keeper

Location:	2335-30 TH Avenue, NE
Position Type:	Part time, Hourly
Hours:	15 hours per week
Program:	Oskayapewis Project

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.

The Youth Lodge Keeper integrates traditional Indigenous teachings with Western evidenced-based practice to engage youth who have risk of involvement in criminal activities. The Youth Lodge Keeper is responsible for developing strong working relationships and providing support to youth in reaching identified goals. This position coordinates and facilitates cultural programs and ceremonies for youth through consultation with other Miskanawah programs and their team. The Youth Lodge Keeper will work in a team environment, contribute to healing and wellness, support land-based learning, and provide program development and delivery.

Responsibilities:

- Facilitate direct connection to Elders and ceremony for youth
- Provide leadership and mentoring to youth
- Plan, deliver and evaluate learning opportunities, weekly sessions, special events, and cultural experiences for youth
- Ensure traditional skills and language are integrated into all aspects of service delivery to build cultural knowledge of youth
- Ensure the preparation and care of cultural offerings and supplies
- Coordinate, schedule and prepare honorariums and gifts for Elders and Knowledge Keepers
- Aid and support land development activities and staff, as requested by the Cultural Services Manager
- Clearly document family work and cultural impact including supporting the Cultural Services Manager with data collection for agency and program Annual Reports (i.e. collection of youth stories and number of youths supported)
- Perform other related duties as assigned

Skills and experiences:

- Knowledge of, and familiarity with Indigenous cultural traditions
- Promotion of Indigenous resiliency and wellbeing into service delivery
- Willingness to engage with diverse Indigenous ceremonies and Elders/Knowledge Keepers

- Ability to take initiative
- Ability to work individually as well as part of a team
- Ability to effectively communicate both verbally and in writing
- Ability to respond quickly in a dynamic and changing environment

Requirements:

- Diploma in Human Services or related field, cultural equivalencies will be considered
- 2-5 years' experience working with vulnerable children, youth and/or families
- Valid driver's license and a driver's abstract with minimal demerits
- Use of a reliable vehicle for work with \$2,000,000 liability, permission to carry passengers
- Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check
- Child Intervention Check
- Valid First Aid or CPR certification
- Suicide Awareness Training
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Self-Harm Training
- Quality Improvement and Outcomes Training
- Indigenous Awareness Training
- Diversity Training
- Occasional overtime
- Flexible hours, including nights, weekends, and holidays

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.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to careers@miskanawah.ca and reference "Oskayapewis" in the subject line.