

## POSITION POSTING

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### Family Wellness Worker

**Ending: Short Term Contract Ending March 31, 2020  
Possible extension to December 31, 2020.**

Thessalon First Nation Health Centre is looking for a responsible individual to work in conjunction with the Circle of Care Team to provide prevention support and advocacy for Families needing support with addictions, mental health, and child welfare matters, crisis intervention, dispute resolution and other supportive intervention. The Family Wellness Worker will provide programming to support family mental

wellness to Thessalon First Nation Community Members. The Family Wellness Worker will be an active member of the Health and Social Services Team and required to design, implement and deliver culturally relevant programming to families of Thessalon First Nation.

#### **Accountability:**

The position will be directly accountable to the Director of Health and Social Services and ultimately to the Thessalon First Nation Chief and Council.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Establish trusting and meaningful one-to-one relationships with children, youth and families.
- Assess support network to identify resources available that support positive outcomes for children, youth and families.
- Offers activities, training, and resources. (Determines what services are locally available.) needed to promote involvement in homes and in the community to work towards self-sufficiency.
- Provide case management to children, youth and families in need of support such as crisis intervention, dispute resolution and other supportive intervention.
- Provides information, referral and follow-up services to children, youth and families.
- Create, organize and facilitate family workshops focusing on aspects of parenting, healthy living, culture, life skills, self-esteem, alcohol and drugs, etc.
- Contribute and be an active staff member in the day to day operations of the Thessalon First Nation Health Centre
- Plan and implement the summer day camp program for Thessalon First Nation youth (Ages 4+) by providing cultural, educational and recreational programs with activities in a safe and enjoyable environment.
- Plan and implement cultural, recreational and social programming for children, youth and families.
- Plan and implement after school, professional development day, March break, summer break programming for children and youth.
- Plan and implement large community gatherings and holidays (Halloween, Easter, Christmas Feast, etc.)

- Creates detailed monthly calendars and circulates in the community newsletter.
- Raise awareness on social issues within the community (Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Bullying, Vaping, etc.)
- Promote and encourage children, youth and family involvement in activities.
- Design and delivery of the Child and Youth Program Strategy
- Implement and provide ongoing support to the Thessalon First Nation Youth Council
- Work in conjunction Children's Wellness Worker, Mental Health and Addictions Worker, Community Health Representative, and Community Support Service Worker to design and develop a mental health strategy for Thessalon First Nation.
- Conduct clinical referrals for clients as required
- Responsible for all administration duties including; budget, finances, evaluations, and reporting associated with the program
- In conjunction with the Circle of Care Team, coordinate family wellness planning sessions
- Develop and deliver workshops for community wellness including but not limited to: Mental wellness, family violence impacts, healthy living, healthy relationships, traditional teachings, etc.
- Network with outside agencies as required, make referrals and conduct follow-ups as required.

**Qualifications:**

- Must possess a post-secondary diploma within the Social Services field.
- Minimum 2 years program planning experience and/or a combination of education and work experience with Aboriginal families.
- Knowledge and proficiency in the use of personal computers and various work processing applications
- Knowledge of Aboriginal culture and practices.
- Proficient written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills.
- Must be able to demonstrate initiative
- Ability to work on own and as part of a team
- Must possess a valid 'G' class driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle.
- Satisfactory vulnerable person and criminal record check

**How to apply:**

Interested candidates can submit resumes no later than October 25, 2019 at 12:00 pm in person or via email to:

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