

Wakenagun Youth Healing Lodge

Youth Wellness Worker

SUMMARY:

As a member of the **Wakenagun Healing Lodge**, the **Youth Wellness Worker** is responsible for providing comprehensive services to youth between the ages of 12 and 17 in attendance at the Healing Lodge. The Youth Wellness Worker position is responsible for providing support and supervision during programming, recreational, and cultural activities. Along side the facilitation of programming, the Youth Wellness Worker position is also responsible for providing support and overall supervision to the youth. This includes but is not limited to, recreational and cultural activities / outings, and throughout the day-to-day routine. The Youth Wellness Worker helps to develop and implement individualized treatment plans that addresses the needs of the youth. The position helps to manage behaviour and to assist youth to negotiate positive choices and empowerment through positive role modelling.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Incorporate Indigenous culture in all aspects of healing and treatment activities
- Actively assist youth in identifying individualized wellness plans and goals and work towards completing their individualized objectives and goals
- Ensure that youth are engaged and connected to programming and supports offered
- Make sure daily resident schedules and routines are followed by residents
- Provide assessments, individual counselling, and treatment plans for the youth
- Complete screening and risk assessment for suicide and mental status
- Provide youth crisis intervention counselling as required
- Guide youth with conflict resolution skills and problem-solving strategies
- Collaborate on the planning and implementation of a variety of community activities/events to promote the personal wellness of youth
- Prepare clear, concise, and accurate daily logs as well as all required documentation including but not limited to medication management, serious occurrence reporting, incident reporting, plans of care, case filing
- Draft written documents, which are clear, concise and easy to understand
- Appropriately use clinical, diagnostic and treatment planning terminology with clients
- Work in a case management setting with other service providers, family, and community members in the development of the treatment and discharge planning
- Maintain confidentiality related to residents at all times
- Perform other duties within the scope of the position, as assigned

ACCOUNTABILITY:

- The **Youth Wellness Worker** is under the day-to-day Supervision of the **Treatment Services Manager** with further accountability to the overall performance to the Director of Treatment Services.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in **social services** with 3 years of relevant counselling experience in a scope of practice or experience in addictions and mental health; or
- Diploma in **Social Work** with 5 years relevant counselling experience in a scope of practice or experience in addictions and mental health.
- Must possess a valid G Driver's License
- Must provide a clear criminal reference check (PVSC), which includes screening for vulnerable sector.
- Must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, unless unable as per a protected ground in the Human Rights Code.
- **Flexible schedule, as the residential facility runs 24 hours and staff will be required to work morning, evening, and night shifts**

KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE:

- 5 years of practical experience in the counselling field
- Experience in working with aboriginal people, families, and communities
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrate excellent organizational skills
- Working knowledge of therapeutic treatment options
- Knowledge of how mental health issues contribute to and affect the life of Indigenous people
- Knowledge of child, adolescent developmental, psychological, social and cognitive development
- Ability to speak a NAN language is an asset