



Gihékdagye Friendship Centre (BRISC)

Job Posting

Indigenous Children's Mental Health Coordinator – Job Posting

About Us

Gihékdagye Friendship Centre (also known as Brantford Region Indigenous Support Centre) is a community-based Indigenous Friendship Centre dedicated to supporting the holistic well-being of Indigenous peoples in Brantford/Brant County, Haldimand, and Norfolk as well as Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississauga of the Credit First Nation.

Position Overview

We are seeking a dedicated **Indigenous Children's Mental Health Coordinator** to develop, deliver, and coordinate culturally based wellness programs to ensure that the healing and wellness needs of the community are addressed by implementing the Children's Mental Health Worker at the local level to reduce family violence, promote healthy lifestyles, culture-based programming and healing.

Key Responsibilities

The **Indigenous Children's Mental Health Coordinator's** is responsible for the coordination of services to lead initiatives that support the mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being of Indigenous Children. This role will focus on culturally appropriate programming, advocacy, and community engagement while working collaboratively with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and service providers.

The coordinator will bridge traditional Indigenous approaches with contemporary wellness practices to enhance wholistic health and healing in the community and to meet the needs of the community within the mandate of the Ministry of Children and Community Social Services of the OFIFC.

Working Hours:

Flexible 40-hour work week that may include evenings and weekends as requested. Overtime hours may be necessary to meet program needs.

Qualifications

- Diploma or degree in Social Work, Psychology, Indigenous Studies, Health Sciences, or related field (or equivalent combination of education, lived experience, and traditional knowledge).
- Minimum three (3) years of demonstrated and related work experience with children and mental health.
- Strong knowledge of Indigenous cultures, traditions, and the impacts of intergenerational trauma.
- Ability to work professionally and collaboratively with child welfare agencies in Ontario.
- Strong understanding of the Ontario Mental Health Act, Personal Health Information Protection Act, Child and Family Services Act and Ontario Children's Aid Societies, with emphasis on the impacts on Indigenous families.



- Clearly demonstrated capacity in planning, organizing, and facilitating culturally appropriate programming and educational workshops
- Working knowledge of the Friendship Centre movement and the various programs provided to the community.
- Respects all within the organization in compliance with the Lateral Violence Policy and Code of Conduct.
- Must have impeccable written, verbal, time management and organizational skills
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to problem solve and take initiative.
- Must have experience in data collection, evaluation and reporting.
- Proficient computer skills (Office 365, Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher).
- Must be able to meet deadlines with minimal supervision.
- Have the ability to work as a team player and be capable of coordinating and collaborating in activities/programming with other BRISC programs.
- Have or be willing to obtain First Aid/CPR certification, Safe Food Handling, Joint Health and Safety Certificates, ASIST Training, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training and/or De-Escalation Training especially pertaining to Children.
- Valid CPIC (Vulnerable Sector), driver's license and reliable transportation, and ability to work some evenings/weekends.
- Training in trauma-informed care, ASIST, or Mental Health First Aid.

Why Join Us?


- Be part of a team that values Indigenous ways of knowing and doing.
- Opportunity to support community wellness through meaningful, culturally grounded programming.
- Competitive compensation and benefits (details provided at interview stage).

Gihékdagye Friendship Centre (BRISC) is a barrier free work environment in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontario with Disabilities act and the Ontario human rights code. As such, BRISC is committed to making accommodations available to applicants with disabilities, upon request during the recruiting process.

- A **clear** Criminal Reference Check (CPIC) and Vulnerable Sector Search (VSS) will be a condition of the employment offer with BRISC
- Preference shall be given first to applicants with Indigenous decent who possess the requisite skill sets and experience.

How to Apply:

Please submit your **Resume and Letter of Intent** to:

 operationsmanager@briscfc.org

 Deadline: [open until filled]

We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.