



Minwaashin Lodge

Indigenous Women's Support Centre

100-1155 Lola Street

Ottawa ON K1K 4C1

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Internal/External **FULL TIME POSITION**

Street Outreach Worker Daytime (female)

(Relying on Provisions of Section 23 of the Ontario Human Rights Code)

Minwaashin Lodge - Indigenous Women's Support Centre is a non-profit charitable agency serving First Nations, Métis, and Inuit women, youth and children since 1992. We are a multi-service agency committed to the healing and wellness of our community. We provide culturally specific programming for children, youth, women, and families.

The primary responsibility of the Street Outreach Worker is to work cooperatively within a team environment, to provide advocacy and support to First Nation, Inuit, & Métis women and youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Report directly to the Shelter Director-Oshki Kizis Lodge or designate
- To establish trusting relationships with community agencies and facilitate client access to all necessary services in the community as needed
- To engage and empower clients to continue forward with programs and personal goals that will help them gain confidence and independence
- Provide information, assistance and advocacy to First Nation, Inuit, & Métis women who are homeless or street involved
- Assist First Nation, Inuit, & Métis in times of crisis and ensure they have access to appropriate community support Outreach must have good knowledge of all community resources both Indigenous and mainstream, including shelter services, food banks, soup kitchens and drop in centers
- Outreach support includes referrals to services that provide front line and emergency medical treatment; referrals to housing, legal/court assistance; mental health /addiction and recovery support; life skill; culture programs; assist with identification/status, Ontario Works, ODSP applications and elder support
- Work in cooperation with existing community outreach projects to ensure effective service delivery
- Outreach will attend drop in centers, food banks and other community services to connect with women and to introduce new women to these service providers
- Participate in Minwaashin/ OAHAS drop-ins as needed

- Provide resources to women
- Maintain a confidential log of contacts and services
- Attend staff, community and other meetings as requested by Shelter Director or designate
- Prepare resource information and materials for distribution to clients
- Replenish resources
- Petty cash replenishment and reconciliation.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-secondary education or equivalent experience, with a minimum 2 years' experience working with an urban Indigenous community
- Knowledge of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous programming; supports and services in the Ottawa region
- Excellent knowledge of the intergenerational impacts of residential schools
- A strong analysis of homelessness and substance use amongst First Nations, Inuit & Métis women.

EMPLOYER PREFERENCES:

- First Nation, Inuit, Metis or non-status

EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS:

- Current Criminal Records Check
- Valid CPR/First Aid
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent computer skills
- Some evening and weekend work required
- Clean drivers abstract
- Vehicle an asset

START DATE: Immediately

To Apply:

Send a cover letter, resume and 3 references to – Kate Holden-Finance/Human Resources
Minwaashin Lodge, #100 - 1155 Lola Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1K 4C1
or email to: kholden@minlodge.com

Closing Date: When filled

We thank all those who apply, but due to the number of applications we receive, we are able to contact only those considered for an interview.