



## THE OFFICE OF BIGSTONE CREE NATION CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Mental Health Psychologist

Bigstone Cree Nation Child and Family Services Society is currently seeking a full-time Child and Family Psychologist to join our newly created Prevention Counselling team. You will report to the CFS Prevention Manager, and the CFS Director –and collaborate with BCN Programs. In addition to the direct counselling and clinical assessments, the role will also be responsible for developing and implementing public education/prevention workshops for adults raising children in the communities we serve;

#### Position Summary:

- Provide clinical assessments and direct counselling and support services to children under 12 and their families and caregivers; conducting confidential, quality assessments, that are culturally sensitive, gender-responsive and trauma-informed; Identify interventions for a variety of child mental health challenges such as: anxiety, ADHD, anger issues, developmental challenges, self-esteem issues, trauma history or disrupted attachments;
- The position will also seek ways to promote this newly created program and garner referrals from community partners;
- Conduct child and family counselling from a multi-generational trauma-informed perspective; In the context of sensitivity to the multi-generational impact of colonization on First Nations people. Counsel children and families to assist them in articulating needs, identifying goals, and developing strategies to achieve their desired outcomes;
- Develop and implement public education/prevention workshops for adults raising children in the communities we serve; Work in partnership with our communities on designing programs to address community education needs around optimal child psychological, emotional, physical, and mental health in the context of cultural norms and practices;
- Develop working relationships with Community Circle Members, Professionals, and Community Members associated with Child and Family Services.

#### Education and Work Experience:

- A Master's degree in Social Work or Education, or Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology;
- 5 or more years providing direct clinical counselling experience working with youth and families facing challenges; Knowledge of basic Family Systems/ principals and familiarity with forms of intervention such as solution focused interventions and a trauma informed perspective;
- Eligible for registration with the relevant professional association: BCACC, RSW, CCC;
- Experience in leading and facilitating groups; experience working with First Nations clients;
- Awareness and sensitivity around the impact on First Nations people of colonization and the impact of residential schools and multi- generational trauma; Ability and willingness to incorporate cultural activities and resources into all aspects of service to clients and communities.

#### Knowledge and Skills:

- Lived experience as a member of an Indigenous community and/or substantial cultural competencies with lived experience of engaging in and maintaining intercultural affiliations will be considered a strong asset;
- Practice rooted in social justice, Indigenous and anti-oppressive approaches to working with communities, families, and individuals; In-depth knowledge of the intergenerational trauma that occurs as a result of colonization, including the impacts of the Indian Act, Residential School, Sixties Scoop, and other oppressive systems and structures;
- Computer literacy on MS Word, Excel, and file/case management system; Ability to write detailed reports; Ability to track and manage financial expenditures.
- Valid Driver's license with a positive driver's abstract and will be expected to travel for work.
- A clean Criminal Record Check;
- Full vaccination required as per COVID-19 Policy;
- Indigenous cultural safety training or equivalent lived experience; Trauma informed practice education or experience would be an asset; Good knowledge of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its Calls to Action, The Royal Commission on Indigenous People, The Indian Act, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Knowledge of The Bigstone Cree First Nations culture and history, specifically Woodland Cree People.
- Willingness to participate in Bigstone Cree, First Nation cultural activities as appropriate.

Resumes with a cover letter to include: Criminal Record Check (current to last 6 months), Vulnerable Sector Check (current to last 6 months), Child Youth Intervention Check, Three (3) work related references. **(Incomplete applications will not be considered)**

Send Cover Letter, Resume and all related Documents to:

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CLOSING DATE this employment opportunity will remain available until a suitable candidate has filled the position  
*Thank you for your interest; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted*