



Oahas

Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy

Job Posting

Indigenous Education Worker

Locations:

Sault Ste. Marie, London, Ottawa, Thunder Bay

Under the direct supervision of the Program Director, the Indigenous Wellness Worker (IWW) shall provide HIV/AIDS/HCV/STIBBIs and Indigenous harm reduction outreach and education to urban Indigenous people, agencies and institutions within the designated region.

Education and Prevention

- Develop, evaluate and report on culturally appropriate preventive education sharing workshops, information and resources for Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations locally and regionally.
- Develop and deliver educational workshops and sessions on; Indigenous harm reduction, universal precautions, modes of transmission, safer sex, cultural awareness, Indigenous history, Indigenous awareness, two-spirit awareness, youth-specific awareness, trans awareness, LGBTQBT awareness women's awareness, sex-work, HIV and pregnancy, co-morbidities, methadone maintenance, opioid and pain management etc.
- Participate in community events and gatherings and set-up displays and information booths.
- Advocate through presentations, sessions, workshops and training to non-Indigenous service providers and institutions to increase better quality of care for Indigenous service users accessing mainstream and Indigenous specific services.
- Develop and maintain strategic partnerships to ensure a continuum of care for all of OAHAS members.

Community Development and Outreach

- Conduct community forums and gatherings to engage community in the development and design of other services OAHAS provides and work collaboratively with other OAHAS staff to ensure services are designed by the needs as identified and driven by communities.
- Actively reach out to and serve on advisories, working groups, committees, research projects in collaboration teams and other bodies at the local, regional and provincial levels as needed and directed.
- Keep current with epidemiological and other statistics relevant to Indigenous people; new developments in the field; vaccines; criminalization of HIV; and; new trends or sector changes affecting Indigenous access to care, treatment and support.
- Network, partner and collaborate locally and regionally to ensure access to improved, culturally relevant, accepting and inclusive programs, services and supports offered by Indigenous and non- Indigenous agencies/institutions, AIDS Service Organizations and individuals including Elders.

Administration

- OCASE and OCHART database reporting on a weekly basis.
- Ongoing program reporting, and data collection.
- Ensure proper file maintenance and records management.
- Ensure punctual and accurate reporting on activities as directed by the Program Director.

Additional Expectations

- Flexibility with schedule and ability to work evenings and weekends on occasion.
- Responsible for other assigned duties as required.
- Ensure the Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GIPA) and Meaningful Engagement of People living with HIV/AIDS (MEPA) in the development, delivery and evaluation of programs, projects, support groups and special events locally and regionally tailored to Indigenous community.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Combination of personal experience and post-secondary diploma or degree in a related field coupled with a minimum of two years' experience working in the social services sector.
- An understanding of HIV/AIDS, impacts of HIV/AIDS stigma, safer sex, and harm reduction principles and practices.
- Strong knowledge of Indigenous health and gender equity issues.
- Strong presentation and facilitation skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and organizational skills.
- Demonstrated commitment to anti-racism and anti-oppression.
- Strong community and program development and implementation experience.
- Excellent computer skills and proficiency in Outlook 365.
- Valid G class driver's license and one-million-dollar liability coverage, and access to vehicle in that is in good working order.
- Knowledge of Indigenous communities and cultural work place practices is an asset.
- Experience working in the Indigenous community is an asset.
- Ability to speak an Indigenous language is an asset.
- Working knowledge of Harm Reduction principles and practices and GIPA and MIPA is an asset.

To apply **please_QUOTE:** "IEW" in subject line & send resume and cover letter
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