



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

## MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS WORKER – Brighter Futures (BF)

*Full time/6 Month Contract with the possibility of extension*

### Summary

The Whitefish River First Nation Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Mental Health and Addictions Worker - BF. The Mental Health and Addictions Worker - BF is responsible for providing comprehensive mental health, harm reduction, injury prevention, child development, parenting skills, and healthy babies' services to individuals and families in Whitefish River First Nation. This position will assist individuals and families in their healing journeys by providing the required assistance, support, referral and educational information that will promote healthy behaviors and lifestyles. The Mental Health and Addictions Worker – BF will address three critical areas: harm reduction, injury prevention, and mental health.

### Responsibilities

- Complete a regular and frequent assessment that identifies the client's needs and abilities through information obtained from the client, his/her natural supports and the referral source
- Develop with each participant client a comprehensive, individualized service plan, which incorporates his/her goals and values and identifies all skills, resources and service requirements not as the primary focus, but of required information collection
- Provide direct service to both participants/clients individually and in groups on activities such as assistance in other supports necessary to achieve a healthy lifestyle, encouragement, and support to enable participants to reach their goals, reduce or prevent relapses, and develop self-care strategies and support
- Client-centered advocacy to facilitate access to and modification of existing resources to meet individual needs
- Assist participants/clients to identify, build and maintain a natural support system
- Facilitate linkages to needed and wanted services, identifying supports and resources including those in the broader community
- Provide some, a combination of or all of the following types of activities and services: outreach, assessment, crisis intervention, short-term individual, couple, or family supports and referrals, group work, and follow-up

### Qualifications

- Diploma in Social Services or related field with training in Indigenous Healing Methods or at minimum three years' experience working with people with mental health, injury prevention, or harm reduction.
- Excellent assessment and brief intervention skills
- Experience in group work and community outreach
- Experience working in a team environment
- Experience working with people affected by poverty, violence, homelessness, stigma, racism, etc.
- Must be willing to undertake the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (A.S.I.S.T)
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work in the Ojibway language in addition to English is a definite asset
- Ability to work the occasional evening or weekend
- Maintenance of an ongoing clear CRC and Vulnerable Sector Screening
- Computer skills in word processing and spreadsheet software
- Must maintain a valid Standard First Aid Certificate & CPR
- Valid Ontario Driver's License and own vehicle and ability to travel

**All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, (3) three current work-related letters of reference marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

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**Deadline: Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.**

We thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Before being hired, the successful applicant will be required to submit a current clear Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening report.