

Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary

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Honouring Life – Suicide Prevention Coordinator – Position is full-time until March 31, 2021

Employment Type

Full Time

Description

About Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary

The Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary (AFCC) is a non-profit organization with a mandate to provide social, cultural, education and employment services to the Aboriginal peoples within the Calgary Metropolitan area. AFCC plays a regular and significant role in the daily lives of our members in many ways: providing care for our children, our elderly, our in need and our homeless; enabling access to cultural and spiritual care; offering referrals for suitable housing, food, clothing, pursuit of education, skill development and training; and building a resourceful Aboriginal community.

AFCC's non-profit family is an expression of how we live, what we value, where we turn for comfort and where we turn when in need.

AFCC is a community leader in the advocacy of Aboriginal social and cultural services while serving as a support and community resource to other Aboriginal Service Agencies on the local, provincial and national level.

About the Honouring Life Program

Honouring Life is part of a province wide action plan for Youth Suicide Prevention, with the intention of increasing the resiliency and holistic wellness of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit youth. It is an initiative built on the vision that Alberta's Indigenous youth are balanced, healthy, and hopeful about their life journeys, proud of their cultural identities, and confident pursuing success in their lives and communities.

Responsibilities

The Suicide Prevention Coordinator is an essential role in this program. Successful candidates will work with Elders and community agency partners, and will plan and manage a schedule of activities and experiences, including weekly workshops and quarterly youth camps focused on cultural teachings, storytelling, and arts. The success of this initiative is dependent on feedback, and candidates will be responsible for documenting and presenting stories, progress, and opportunities for improvement. This is a contract based role, until March 2021.

A strong background and experience in working with vulnerable populations is a requirement, including experience working with high acuity and high risk youth. By building on the Indigenous process of *Sim-ohksin Wahkotiwinn (making relationships)*, the Suicide Prevention Coordinator will take a culturally informed approach to managing activities and programs supporting Indigenous youth.

Qualifications

- Strong background and practical experience in working with Indigenous populations
- Familiarity and knowledge of Indigenous culture, protocols, and histories
- Understanding of ongoing impact of colonization, the sixties scoop, residential schools and discrimination
- Practical experience and training in dealing with violence, addictions, and

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Job Location

Calgary

Valid through

November 14, 2019

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- Degree or diploma in Social Work, Human Services, Health Services or related field
- Familiarity with the “Community is the Medicine” (CITM) model
- Excellent communication, documentation, and presentation skills
- Strong foundation of reliability, consistency, and understanding
- Strong organizational skills, with the ability to build and adhere to a schedule of activities
- Ability to build strong working relationships with community partners
- High degree of emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, and professionalism
- Ability to work as both part of a team and independently, as required
- Able to pass a Criminal Records and Vulnerable Records Check
- Ability to speak an Indigenous language is an asset

Contacts

If you have any questions regarding this position please email Shane at sgauthier@afccalgary.org

Competition closes **4:00 pm MDT on November 14, 2019** and interviews will be conducted between November 18 and 21.

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Thank you!