

# NORTHERN NISHNAWBE EDUCATION COUNCIL



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR Pelican Falls First Nations High School Sioux Lookout, Ontario

Pelican Falls First Nations High School (PFFNHS) in Sioux Lookout requires one full-time Youth Mental Health Counsellor to support students attending PFFNHS. The Youth Mental Health Counsellor will interact closely with students to identify mental and/or emotional concerns that students face and work alongside them through those challenges. This position will have a modified work schedule through the school calendar, salary will be prorated over the full year (26 pay periods).

#### Responsibilities:

1. Support students that are dealing with mental health concerns, trauma, substance misuse, etc.
2. Evaluate students' mental, behavioral and emotional health
3. Implement a plan of care and/or safety plan as required
4. Develop or assist in developing treatment plans for students
5. Work closely with PFFNHS, SSSP and On-Call staff to support student needs and help identify students who are "at risk" or "in crisis"
6. Provide daily or weekly check-ins with students as required
7. Participate in team meetings as required
8. Liaise with other organizations, partners and/or professionals
9. Make referrals as required (School Nurse, Psychiatrist and other available supports)
10. Engage students in positive activities to help them improve their overall psychological well-being
11. Organize and facilitate culturally appropriate activities that are related to health and wellness
12. Organize and facilitate workshops on healthy relationships, communication, conflict resolution, etc.
13. Ensure all reports are kept current and confidentiality is always maintained

#### Qualifications:

1. Bachelor of Social Work Degree (4 year program)
2. Minimum of 4 years' experience in Social Work/Mental Health work with youth
3. Ability to understand and support youth in high-risk situations
4. Thorough knowledge and understanding of First Nations culture and values
5. Excellent leadership, motivation, and problem-solving skills
6. Fluency in Oji-Cree, Cree or Ojibway is an asset
7. Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work independently
8. Able to work effectively and collaboratively with others
9. Strong communication skills
10. Valid Class "G" Driver's License

**Salary:** \$65,520 to \$\$80,581

All staff are compensated 13 weeks of vacation either with vacation days, monetary compensation or a combination of both.

\*\*NNEC thanks all applicants in advance; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. NNEC requires a Criminal Record Check and/or a Vulnerable Sector Check for all positions. This advertisement is for an existing vacancy and will remain open until filled. Please submit your cover letter, resume and three references (with written permission for NNEC to contact) to Human Resources, NNEC Head Office, fax (807) 582-3865 or by email to [humanresources@nec.on.ca](mailto:humanresources@nec.on.ca)