# NIPISSING FIRST NATION

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

## **Social Cultural Resource & Family Finder**

Department: Social Services Posting Date: July 26, 2024

Location: Nipissing First Nation, ON Schedule: Standard Work Week/35hrs

Job type: Fulltime/Permanent

Vacancies: 1

Reports To: Director of Social Services

**Starting Salary: \$54,108.60** 

#### What you'll do in the role

- Collaborate with community elders, cultural leaders, and Social Services team members to ensure an accurate representation and interpretation of Nipissing First Nation culture is infused into programs.
- Develop and implement strategies for the revitalization and transmission of traditional cultural practices to future generations.
- At the request of manager, support community events, workshops, and educational programs focused on cultural preservation and genealogical research.
- Foster partnerships with other Indigenous organizations and government agencies to enhance resources and support for our community.
- Serve as a liaison between the Nipissing First Nation Band Representative program and CAS or CYFSA when supporting families through cultural and genealogical inquiries.
- Conduct genealogical research to trace family connections within Nipissing First Nation.
- Utilize archival records, oral histories, and other resources to build comprehensive family trees and understand familial relationships.
- Represent Nipissing First Nation in both internal and external committee memberships as deemed appropriate.
- Collect and maintain detailed records of cultural resources, genealogical research findings and community interactions.
- Prepare reports, presentations, and publications to share findings and engage stakeholders.
- Ensure compliance with relevant laws, regulations, and ethical guidelines related to Nipissing First Nation, culture heritage and genealogical research.
- Provide cultural support to the Social Services team and programs.
- Coordinate cultural and ceremonial activities for the children, youth, families and community members with Social team.
- Work with Program staff to increase culturally appropriate service delivery in family transition and child-in-care support.
- Research the number of Nipissing First Nation's children in care and/or have been adopted, including researching families disconnected through the 60s Scoop.

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- Help connect community members seeking to offer their homes as kin care and customary care placements for Nipissing First Nation's children who may require placement outside of their home.
- Connect children in care with their traditions, ceremonies, kin networks, and the land through land based and cultural teachings that are intergenerational.
- Conduct interviews with the child and youth, the referral source, the caregiver(s), initially identify relatives (kin and kith) and other identified individuals.

### Just a few reasons to join Nipissing First Nation

- Opportunity to work with a dynamic team with career growth across multiple departments.
- Nipissing First Nation prides itself in providing its employees with job security, competitive wages, and a safe working environment.
- On-the-job training to support your success in the role.
- A defined contribution pension plan
- Comprehensive Health Plan including Medical, Dental, Vision, Life and Disability insurance.
- Casual dress
- Better than average vacation and leave packages.

#### What you bring to the table

- Respect for Indigenous culture and willingness to learn Ojibwe.
- Must have a Diploma in Social Work and/or Indigenous Studies.
- Must have 3 years work experience in social and/or cultural services related to social work.
- Must have a Valid Ontario Driver's License.
- Must provide a clear Criminal Reference Check (CPIC) and Vulnerable Sector Check, and Child Welfare Check.
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality.
- Experience conducting genealogical research an asset.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, traditions, and histories, with a particular focus on Nipissing First Nation.
- Knowledge of Child Welfare systems and experience with Indigenous families impacted by colonial child welfare systems.
- Strong knowledge and awareness of Indigenous culture and history, with emphasis on family violence, child welfare, the impacts of trauma, Indigenous youth engagement and community outreach.
- Knowledge of Nipissing First Nation community, culture, and social services.
- Knowledge and experience working with Indigenous children, youth and families in a healing and wellness capacity.
- Knowledge of Medicine Wheel concepts.

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- Facilitating in Circle experience.
- Speaker of the Anishinaabe language(s) will be considered an asset.
- Self-motivated individual with the ability to work with minimal supervision in a team-oriented setting.
- Must possess strong organizational skills and ability to meet deadlines.
- Excellent case and file management skills, stress management and time management skills.
- Must have the ability to engage people to build trust and rapport; effective verbal and listening communication skills.
- Strength based problem solving and takes initiative.
- Essential computer competencies (Email, cell phone, Office 365, Teams)
- Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings and/or weekends to support program and community needs.

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

Nipissing First Nation adheres to the following process for our recruitment practices.

#### Closing August 9, 2024 - 1st Round

- Opportunities are open to all registered Nipissing First Nation members. Please advise your status in your application
- Applicants who are considered Round 2 will not be considered, regardless of when the application is received.
- If no suitable candidate is found, the process will proceed to Round Two.

#### Closing August 16, 2024 - 2nd Round

 Opportunities are open to spouses and children of registered Nipissing First Nation members and registered members of other First Nations. Please advise your status in your application.

If you are excited by this opportunity and want to be a part of Nipissing First Nation, please **apply online by emailing your cover letter and resume to** <u>resumes@nfn.ca</u> **no later than 4:30pm** on the application deadline noted above.

#### Are you a member of NFN? If so, please read below:

- ✓ Nipissing First Nation supports the training and growth of their members and strongly encourages their members to apply to positions.
- ✓ Work experience and training opportunities are taken into consideration when screening applications.
- ✓ Nipissing First Nation members are encouraged to apply to all rounds of employment postings.
- ✓ As per Section 24(1)(a) of the Ontario Human Rights Code, Nipissing First Nation gives preference to First Nation applicants for any employment opportunities.

Miigwech to all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.