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Youth Engagement Worker - Thompson Office 2 Year Term with the possibility of extension April 2022 to March 31, 2024

The Youth Engagement Worker (YEW) will be an employee of Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. (MKO) and will be a liaison worker between the various MKO programs and other community agencies. This is a youth and young adult crime and gang prevention initiative between MKO and the Province of Manitoba - Justice Department. The YEW will engage directly with MKO youth and their families by providing opportunities to learn about the importance of personal, family and community wellness as well as education and employment. This position will require high level strategic planning, to provide long-term viable gang exit planning. The goal of this initiative is to assist MKO communities and youth to developing strategies that address personal and social barriers that may be preventing personal and professional growth.

The YEW will network with a variety of internal and external community resources that will be both culturally sensitive and appropriate. The YEW will also work with the various MKO community leadership by providing these supports and services to their youth members that will help build self confidence, personal growth and wellness based on traditional Indigenous beliefs, values, culture and teachings.

Duties and responsibilities:

- Work under the direction and supervision of the MKO Justice Program Manager
- Engage with youth members of MKO communities either virtually, teleconference, mail, or in person by providing and seeking crime prevention, gang awareness, personal wellness strategies
- Provide MKO youth with community resource navigation, education, employment interventions and on-going mentoring and support to assist youth with building self confidence and esteem
- Provide monthly reports to the Justice Program Manager for tracking and statistical recording purposes
- Participate in high level strategic planning regarding gang exit planning and programming across all MKO communities. This may include engagement on various provincial working groups
- Maintain confidentiality with regards to client records and programs
- Develop ongoing working relationships with the police, probation officers, court officials and any other community agencies for the purpose of building crime prevention strategies
- Work regularly with the MKO Community Justice Workers with regards to interventions and programs
- Comply with all policies, procedures, by-laws and directives of the various First Nations

Qualifications:

- Have the ability to travel and work flexible hours as required
- Possess a valid Manitoba driver's license and have access to a reliable vehicle
- Perform all other duties as assigned
- Produce a satisfactory criminal record, child abuse and vulnerable sector checks
- Proof of double COVID-19 vaccination

Interested applicants, please submit a cover letter, resume and three references by **4:00 pm on April 6, 2022**, to:

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