



BINGWI NEYAASHI ANISHINAABEK

JOB POSTING

BNA CHILD AND FAMILY ADVOCATE

18 month contract with possibility of extension

Do you have a passion for advocating for children and families in the community? Do you have the desire to work with Indigenous children to create strong identities and strong families?

Become a part of BNA's Child & Family Advocacy Program. BNA is seeking a positive, community-minded individual who is energized by challenge and motivated to serve our community. The Family Advocate will be responsible to provide support and assistance to individuals and families where required and requested, to promote healthy living and prevention of family violence. Provide culture-based, holistic healing and wellness programs and services, including family violence prevention and safety plans that fosters improvements in the health and well-being of Bingwi Neyaaashi Anishinaabek members and their families.

Some of the responsibilities of this position are:

- Assess client status by gaining an understanding of the family dynamic, early years development of children, socio-economic factors, health needs, etc.;
- Serve as an advocate for client/community members regarding access to early years services, children's services, family supports and other social services;
- Develop and encourage parental support, guidance and skill building for clients and community members;
- Work with the Family Well-being and EarlyON programs team to plan and evaluate programs and develop or initiate early years teaching, workshops, etc.
- Maintain complete and accurate confidential records, and answer client and staff inquiries and provide direction to appropriate resources;
- Research and gather information on Indigenous-specific children's social, financial and crisis services and corresponding mainstream services that are available;
- Raise awareness of and sensitivity to Indigenous early years issues through participation in relevant community groups and committees. Participate in community outreach activities as appropriate.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in social work, Psychology, Child & Youth, Early Years Education, Human Services or other applicable program;
- Knowledge of social, economic and health issues relevant to Indigenous children and families;
- Experience as an advocate in a non-profit environment preferred;
- Demonstrated experience with early years programming, creation and evaluation;
- Knowledge of community services and programs for children and families;
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office tools, particularly Excel, Word and PowerPoint;
- Clear criminal reference check to work with vulnerable population is required.
- Class "G" Driver's license required

Salary Range: Dependent upon education and/or experience, Excellent Benefits Package!

To pursue this opportunity, please submit a cover letter and resume to Tylyn Silander at tsilander@bnafn.ca

Miigwetch to all those who apply. Only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.