



Keewatinohk Inniniw Minoayawin Inc.

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Employment Opportunity

Knowledge Keeper

Minoayawin Mobile Outreach Program

Keewatinohk Inniniw Minoayawin

Based in Thompson, MB

1 Full Time Vacancy

The KIM team invites applicants to apply for an exciting opportunity to join our Minoayawin Mobile Outreach Program as a Knowledge Keeper!

The Minoayawin Mobile Outreach Program (MMOP) is a bundle of services that are provided to the unhoused residents of Thompson. It is a place where they can receive trauma informed, low to no barrier health care, that is grounded in anti-indigenous specific racism approaches that honor and give equal validity to Indigenous ways of knowing. The overall aim is to promote physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual healing in ways that ensure respect and dignity of unhoused community members living in Thompson Manitoba and surrounding First Nation communities.

In this new and innovative program, Keewatinohk Inniniw Minoayawin strives to offer integrated primary care and allied health services, Elder-led cultural care, food as Medicine, and a range of specialized programs. The successful candidate will support and will be part of a multidisciplinary team to provide both outreach-based services and clinic based physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellness and harm reduction services. These services will be delivered in a way that give equal validity to both Indigenous and Western knowledge bases and practices and these services will be strength-based, trauma-informed, person-centered, and grounded in Indigenous harm reduction. Our goal is to contribute to a health system that is accessible, free of Indigenous specific racism and truly meets the needs and desires of the unhoused community members of Thompson and surrounding communities.

Job Summary:

Encounters with Knowledge Keepers can provide opportunities for members to assert or reclaim individual and collective Indigenous identities as part of their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellness, and substance use health treatment. These encounters can reverse the effects of Indigenous specific racism that many First Nations people have and continue to experience in Northern Manitoba health care settings and contribute to a health care environment that free of Indigenous specific racism.

In partnership with the unhoused community members that the MMOP provides services and supports to the Knowledge Keeper will offer and conduct ceremonies, offer and provide traditional medicines, and deliver both one on one and group supports to enhance the mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness of the unhoused community members. This will occur while working collaboratively with Program Elder(s), Primary Care providers, Registered Nurses, Allied Health professionals, Community Health Workers, and Peer Support Workers which make up the MMOP service delivery team.

Preference will be given to a candidate with roots to a northern First Nation community.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Several years of practice in the area of Traditional Healing and recognized as a Knowledge Keeper and practitioner of First Nation traditional and cultural healing practices locally, regionally and provincially, and in good standing within First Nation Communities, community members, community programs, community leadership and regional indigenous governance structures (Tribal Councils, Northern/Southern Chiefs, Manitoba Assembly of First Nations).
- Knowledge of First Nation's culture, ceremony, and teachings, such as sweat lodge ceremonies, Yuwipi ceremonies, Sundance ceremonies, rites of passage ceremonies, Cedar Baths, the Inninewuk Creation Story, Star Teachings, and Traditional Medicines etc.
- Demonstrated knowledge and/or training with the harvesting, preparation, and use of different medicines.
- Demonstrated to be trauma and history-informed with respect to the impact of previous and the ongoing colonization and indigenous specific racism in Northern Manitoba.
- A proven willingness and ability to create safe spaces for Indigenous women, men, families, and children including respect for two-spirited individuals.

- Ability to draw upon personal lived experiences to support others in physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellness with trust, dignity, and respect.
- Empathic and intuitive listener, with ability to communicate with healthcare providers including the ability to practice assertive communication.
- Ability to work with people actively using alcohol or other substances within Keewatinohk Inniniw Minoayawin's harm reduction model.
- Knowledge or experience working with survivors of residential schools, Indian Day Schools, Indian Hospitals, the 60s Scoop, the Millennium scoop, federal and provincial correctional services, child welfare services and the justice system.
- Ability to understand and speak any traditional language (Cree, Oji-cree, Dene, Ojibwe, Dakota, Michif, Inuktuk) is desired.

The following are considered conditions of employment:

- Must adhere to personal health information sharing legislation such as the Personal Health Information Act of Manitoba, the Federal Privacy Act, Freedom on Information and Personal Privacy Act, Child and Family Services Act of Manitoba, the Youth Criminal Justice Act;
- Satisfactory criminal record/vulnerable persons/child abuse registry checks will be required.
- Must be able to travel on occasion, with appropriate notice, by air, land, and boat.
- Must be eligible to work in Canada.

For more information or to join our growing team of experts, please submit your resume and cover letter to Trenton Schreyer at mmopjobs@kimhealth.ca

Applications will be accepted by email until **Monday August 5th, 2024, at 4:30pm.**

Established in December 2019, Keewatinohk Inniniw Minoayawin Inc. (KIM Inc.) is a northern First Nations-led aggregate health transformation organization that will work to transform health and wellness services and improve health outcomes for First Nations people. We offer a competitive compensation and benefits structure, and opportunity for advancement.