



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Male Family/Birth Helper

Wijiidiwag Ikwewag Inc. is an organization that empowers families to connect to their Indigenous language, culture, and identity throughout the journey of pregnancy, birth, postpartum and beyond. We foster a work environment that is supportive, empowering and encourages innovative thinking. We offer a full and comprehensive benefits package including matched pension contribution.

The Male Family/Birth Helper will report directly to the Project Coordinator of Wijiidiwag Ikwewag and will be responsible for providing highly compassionate, skilled and knowledgeable support to men during the pregnancy of their partner or child's parent, the birth of their child and during the first year of life. As a Male Family/Birth Helper, you are committed to working with men and their families on their healing journey and overall wellness. The Male Family/Birth Helper will assist in accessing resources and provide advocacy when required. The Male Family/Birth Helper works towards reclaiming Indigenous men's roles within birth and parenting practices for a diverse range of families and communities. The Male Family/Birth Helper will also take the lead in the development of a men's wellness/parenting program.

The candidate should possess:

- A strong understanding of traditional cultural teachings, songs and knowledge of traditional roles of Indigenous men within birth, parenting and families;
- Experience working with Elders;
- Experience working with First Nations/Indigenous women and families at a community and/or program level;
- Experienced in program development and delivery;
- Ability to develop and document support and wellness plans, document meetings and produce reports;
- Ability to build and maintain respectful and effective relationships with diverse groups, organizations, and individuals to work collaboratively and cooperatively, including good conflict management skills and abilities;
- Ability to multi-task, set priorities effectively, time manage and problem solve;
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing;
- Ability to efficiently and effectively utilize Microsoft Office Suite including Word, Outlook, PowerPoint and Excel;
- Understanding of the strengths and challenges within Indigenous communities.

The candidate must have:

- A valid Class 5 MB Driver's License with access to a reliable vehicle;
- Willingness to obtain a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check;
- Flexibility in work schedule including evenings, weekends and possible overnights;
- Ability to travel.

Please submit a cover letter, resume and salary expectations to the attention of:

Jolene Mercer
Executive Director

ikwe@birthsovereignty.ca

Deadline for applications is **Friday, February 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.** We thank all those who apply, but only those considered for the position will be contacted. Late submissions will not be accepted.

As an Indigenous employer we encourage individuals with Indigenous ancestry to apply.