



Position: Therapeutic Foster Parent(s)
Department: Shawenim Abinoojii Therapeutic Foster Care Program
Location: Winnipeg and surrounding areas
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Shawenim Abinoojii Therapeutic Foster Care Program requires caring and nurturing individuals or couples to provide a long-term, stable home environment for up to four (4) male or female youth. This position requires training, education and experience in the field of family-focused foster care, responding to youth with a variety of needs and strengths, and supporting a path to wellness. The candidate(s) must approach this role from a place of empathy and kindness, with knowledge of Indigenous culture and history. Candidates with knowledge of Anishinaabe family systems and approaches to wellness are strongly encouraged to apply. The ability to speak Anishinaabe is an asset.

DUTIES:

- Provide the day-to-day primary responsibilities with caring for the youth; this includes ensuring medical, physical, emotional, and educational needs are met;
- Respond to incidents and concerns from a trauma-informed perspective;
- Utilize a therapeutic approach to wellness;
- Provide a nurturing and structured environment with positive attachment caregiving;
- Be a healthy role model and source of guidance for the development of daily life and social skills;
- Support the child in attendance of medical appointments, therapeutic resources, counseling, or other appointments, as required;
- Participate in the assessment and case planning for the short and long-term care plans for the youth;
- Facilitate family and community connection by working alongside family and community in meeting case planning objectives and maintaining regularly scheduled visits;
- Maintain clear and concise file recordings and provide to supervisor on a scheduled basis;
- Provide incident reports as necessary;
- Communicate with support team, supervisor, and agency workers in a professional and helpful manner;
- Attend all requisite training provided by, or offered through, Shawenim Abinoojii.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience providing care for children and youth;
- Excellent communication and team-work skills;
- Strong organizational, and time-management skills;
- Must possess a valid Manitoba driver's license;
- Ability to speak Anishinaabe is preferred and considered an asset;
- An expanded knowledge and skill base working with various social, psychological and physical health needs.

SCHEDULE:

- Foster Parents are required to live in the home and provide a long-term stable family environment;
- Support and Respite breaks will be included on a scheduled basis.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

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Please contact [Victoria Fisher](mailto:victoriaf@shawenimabinoojii.org) by email or phone for the application and further information regarding the position. We thank all who apply, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. **Preference will be given to: [Members of the Southeast First Nation Communities; and Indigenous candidates \(First Nations, Inuit or Metis\).](#)**