



Position: Mother and Child Home - Therapeutic Foster Parent(s)
Department: Shawenim Abinoojii Therapeutic Foster Care Program
Location: Winnipeg
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Shawenim Abinoojii Therapeutic Foster Care Program requires a caring and nurturing individual to provide a stable teaching home environment for up to two new mothers and their infants. This position requires training, education and experience in the field of child development, caring for newborns, and facilitating supported learning opportunities for new and young mothers. 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:

- Support new and young mothers with providing for the day-to-day needs of newborn children;
- Provide frequent and ongoing learning opportunities for new and young mothers to learn strong parenting skills (including care of the child, care of self, care for home, connecting with family and supports to build and maintain a strong support system)
- Utilize a therapeutic approach to supporting wellness;
- Provide a nurturing and structured environment while role-modelling positive attachment caregiving;
- Be a healthy role model and source of guidance for the development of new and young mother's daily life and social skills;
- Support the new and young mothers in attendance of mother's and/or child's medical appointments, resource appointments, counseling, or other appointments, as required;
- Participate in the assessment and case planning for the short and long-term care plans for the new and young mother, and her child;
- 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 newborns and new and young mothers;
- Excellent communication and team-work skills;
- Strong organizational, and time-management skills;
- Must possess a valid Manitoba driver's license and have a vehicle;
- 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 for 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 \(First Nations, Inuit or Metis\).](#)