



**KEEWAYTINOOK OKIMAKANAK SECONDARY
STUDENT SERVICES (KOSSS)**

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**Keewaytinook Okimakanak Secondary Student Services
Youth Residential Worker (1 Female/1 Male) - One Year Contract with Benefits**

Keewaytinook Okimakanak Secondary Student Services (KOSSS) is seeking one (1) female full-time Youth Residential Worker and one (1) male full-time Youth Residential Worker. The positions will be based in Sioux Lookout and will begin as soon as possible.

As per Recommendation #114 of the Seven Youth Inquest, there has been “*an identified need for an alternative detoxification facility in the City of Thunder Bay that would provide the proper supports and supervision for any youth who may be struggling with alcohol/substance misuse.*” The KOSSS Safe Sobering Space in Sioux Lookout will be available 24/7 for our students, aged 13-21 years, that need a safe and supervised detoxification and stabilization. KOSSS will be working under the direction of health care providers and in co-operation and currently has a Safe Sober Site in the City of Thunder Bay.

The Youth Residential Workers will work under the direction of the Sober Site Lead, in coordination with the Inquest Coordinator/Safe Sober Site Supervisor, and with external partners, in the implementation and delivery of services for youth who are in the KOSSS Program. The Youth Residential Workers will ensure the ordered care plans are followed, will supervise students at the site while they detoxify, and will provide support to students in their after-care plans. The Youth Residential Workers will maintain case notes, tracking of any referrals/specialized services, after-care services, and program reporting requirements. The Youth Residential Workers would also work with the KOSSS Team to minimize gaps and improve overall services.

The following are the requirements for this position:

Qualifications

- 2 years education related work experience
- Bachelor’s Degree/College Diploma or equivalent experience and/or training
- Knowledge of First Nation Education & Health issues, Challenges, and Delivery models
- Ability to speak one of the local dialects is an asset
- Strong Interpersonal Skills
- Valid Class G Driver’s License
- Must be willing to provide a Vulnerable Persons Criminal Background Check
- Able to work effectively with others
- Ability to work independently
- Strong communication skills with proficiency in developing written communications and the development and delivery of oral presentations

Duties will include, but may not be limited to:

The Youth Residential Workers will take direction from the Safe Sober Site Lead, Inquest Coordinator/Sober Site Supervisor, KOSSS Education Manager and the KOBE Director of Education. Duties include:

- Maintain a culturally safe environment for students who require care while detoxifying;
- Ongoing communication with the KOSSS On-Call Workers to determine the student needs and any information that they may be aware of;
- Work directly with the Health Service Provider and Medical Team to ensure all treatment plans are followed;
- Provide timely reporting of health care services provided to the Well-Being Team;
- Maintain communication processes with the KOSSS Well-Being Team in all areas of after-care (return to boarding home/school, communication to Parents, to Boarding Home Parents/School Staff, etc.);
- Attend all training identified by the Safe Sober Site Lead and/or Addictions Crisis Worker in areas that would be relevant to their position;
- Ensure timely reporting and development of materials required to carry out services;
- Travel to the Keewaytinook Okimakanak communities: Deer Lake, Fort Severn, Keewaywin, McDowell Lake, North Spirit Lake and Poplar Hill First Nations, as necessary;
- Other related duties as set by the KO Board of Education and KOSSS.

Salary will be based on a combination of qualifications and experience.

Deadline: Open until position filled.

Available immediately.

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