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Communicative Disorders Assistant- Temporary with possibility of Extending

Keewaytinook Okimakanak (KO) Board of Education services the following First Nation schools in Northwestern Ontario:

Wasaho Cree Nation School, Fort Severn;
Deer Lake First Nation School, Deer Lake;
Keewaywin First Nation School, Keewaywin;
Ahgwahbuush Memorial School, Poplar Hill;
Victoria Linklater Memorial School, North Spirit Lake;
Keewaytinook Internet High School (KiHS), various VC locations; and
Keewaytinook Okimakanak Secondary School Services (KOSSS), various locations.

Keewaytinook Okimakanak Board of Education is currently searching for 1.0 Communicative Disorders Assistant (CDA) to provide video conference/telemedicine therapy sessions, one-one therapy intervention in remote northern schools, assist the Speech Language Pathologists and work with the Special Education team. The CDA may work with both elementary and high school students requiring services.

This full-time position will be based out of the KO Education office in Sioux Lookout, Balmertown, Dryden or Thunder Bay, Ontario starting as soon as possible but not later than September 2021.

Comprehensive Benefit Package
Competitive salary to commensurate with experience

Responsibilities include:

- Provide treatment, consultation and in-class support for school - aged students K-12 in the areas of articulation, language, pre-literacy, motor speech disorders, fluency and AAC.
- Regular travel to remote communities (1-2 times per month; max 4 days per trip) to administer speech-language & phonological screenings, provide direct intervention & classroom support
- Administer initial audiology screenings to determine need for further referral
- Plan for & provide individual and group therapy via VC
- Support non-verbal students with AAC; liaison with specialty clinics (ie George Jeffery Children's Treatment Centre)
- Plan & implement PD for school-based Speech Language Assistants (SLA) and Educational Assistants (EAs/TAs/TEs)
- Support classroom teachers with language development strategies and visual supports
- Liaison with principals, resources teachers (SERTs), charge nurses, education directors & band council in respective communities
- Liaison with local inter-agency personnel; Firefly, SLFNHA, KO Health, Jordan's Principle, Developmental/Northern Clinic
- Attend related medical appointments (OT/PT/Audiology) with students & parents when on behalf of designated school administrator and/or SLP
- Collect & document weekly client contact; prepare year end reports for OSRs
- Plan & implement strategies for parent engagement
- Maintain open communication & consultation with SLP and immediate supervisor (KOB manager)
- Attend KOB meetings and gatherings as directed by supervisor which may include additional travel to Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Dryden
- Participate in professional development when available and relevant to your position
- Other related duties as required by supervisor and /or school community



Qualifications and Skills:

- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent)
- Graduate Certificate from a CDA program from an accredited college
- Registered member of CDAAC
- Possess an attitude of respect and sensitivity towards clients with varied backgrounds and abilities.
- 2 years' experience working in one or more of the following areas: school board setting, preschool setting or developmental clinic.
- language, AAC, motor speech disorders, ASD and other developmental disorders
- Additional experience and/or qualifications in Early Childhood Education or Developmental Services Worker would be an asset
- Training in behaviour management, self-regulation, etc.
- Ability to be flexible within your role
- Proven ability to work independently
- Effective written and verbal communication
- Experience with Snap + Core First, or other high-tech AAC devices.
- Experience with Boardmaker Online, Lessonpix and other therapy materials.
- Current Criminal Record Check

Applicants interested in this position are welcome to submit their resume and cover letter with three recent professional references (including a letter of permission for KO Board of Education to contact these references) to:

Email HR: jeffnelson@edu.knet.ca

Attention: Communicative Disorders Assistant

Deadline: Open until filled