



Wiji'idiwag Ikwewag Women Helping Each Other

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Indigenous Birth Helper

(5 Positions)

Based in Thompson, Manitoba

Wiji'idiwag Ikwewag Inc. (Women Helping Each Other) is an organization that empowers families to connect to their Indigenous language, culture, and identity throughout the journey of pregnancy, birth and postpartum.

The Keewatinohk Inniniw Minoyawain Inc. (KIM) is working to advance the health of Northern First Nations and has selected Wiji'idiwag Ikwewag Inc. to facilitate wholistic prenatal, birthing and post-partum care for pregnant mothers and families giving birth in the Thompson General Hospital (TGH). Indigenous Birth Helpers support mothers and families on their healing journeys and overall wellness.

The candidate should possess:

- A strong understanding of traditional cultural teachings, songs and knowledge of traditional Indigenous birthing and parenting practices as relevant to their own communities and experiences;
- Experience working with First Nations/Indigenous Elders, women and families at a community and/or program level;
- Ability to build and maintain respectful and effective relationships with diverse groups, organizations, and individuals;
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to build rapport with mothers and families;
- Ability to multi-task, set priorities effectively, time manage, problem solve and to communicate effectively both orally and in writing;
Ability to develop and document support and wellness plans, document meetings and produce reports;
- Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office including Word, Outlook, PowerPoint and Excel;

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Grade 12 graduate with an Indigenous Doula certification or a minimum of 3 years experience working within a First Nation health or social service organization;
- Must be willing to obtain Indigenous Doula and Breastfeeding Support certification;
- Possess a strong understanding of traditional cultural teachings, songs and knowledge of Indigenous birthing and parenting practices as relevant to own your communities and experiences;
- Ability to work flexible hours, schedule may include evenings, weekends and possible nights;
- Ability to travel, hold a valid Class 5 MB Driver's License and have access to a reliable vehicle;
- Fulfill the requirements of the Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check.

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

Lorraine McLeod, Executive Director

lmcleod@wibirthing.ca

Applications will be accepted by email until: 4:30 p.m. on May 29, 2023.

We thank all those who apply, only those considered for an interview will be contacted. We encourage individuals with Indigenous ancestry to self-declare in their cover letter.