

Community Mental Wellness Counsellor

Full-time – 1 Year Position

Working as a member of the Xwisten Health and Administration team to provide assessment, referrals, and counselling to Xwisten members, the Wellness Counsellor will liaise with local service providers and groups, participate in educational sessions, planning and program development and make policy recommendations.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provides referrals/linkages to therapeutic counselling services for Xwisten members and their families;
- Follows up and assists with on-going monitoring & evaluation progress once clients return from treatment;
- As a member of a multidisciplinary team, will provide information regarding current client's psychosocial and emotional situation; developing and participating in creating a comprehensive plan of care with/for the client; collaborating and consulting with other health service providers for their input on the plan;
- Acts as a resource for clients and their families by providing information regarding accessing community services, facilitating referrals where appropriate, and assists in the development of Xwisten resources by identifying services gaps needed to support the health and well-being of all members;
- Participates in quality improvement activities by providing input into the development, implementation and evaluation of Xwisten Health and Social Services program goals, objectives, policies and procedures;
- Promotes client autonomy by ensuring their active participation in the planning, decision making, and development of individual care plans;
- Assists in the development and provision of relevant educational programs for home, health care staff, clients, their families and community agencies on psychosocial issues as they relate to health, illness and disability;
- Liaise with other health service providers, traditional healers and community services;
- Maintains written and clinical records as required;
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's (Social Work or related field) degree with a specialization in Mental Health counselling from an accredited educational institution in an Allied Health, Behavioral, or Social Science field relevant to this position;
- A minimum of 2-4 years of recent experience in providing assessments, referrals and mental health counselling;
- Current registration and in good standing with a professional regulatory body;
- Previous experience or familiarity working with First Nations organizations and/or communities is preferred.
- Working knowledge of MS Office Suite and electronic data base systems;
- A current valid BC Driver's License

*Please note, the successful candidate must also be willing to submit a Criminal Records Check with a vulnerable sector search.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of current psychological and Mental Health Counselling Practice;
- Ability to organize, prioritize, and work independently as well as part of a team;
- Ability to communicate both verbally and written;
- Counselling skills in individual, family and group;
- Experience in community-based health programming;
- A strong understanding of Indigenous peoples' cultures, traditions, issues, protocols and communities.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit resume, cover letter and three work-related references by post, fax or in person to:

Bradley Jack, Administrator
Bridge River Band - Xwisten
#1A Joseph Road, PO Box 190,
Lillooet, BC V0K 1V0

Fax: 250-256-7999

Deadline: Posting will remain open until filled.