



LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

3425 HWY 21/Old Community Rd, Creston, BC V0B1G2 PH: (250) 428-9834 / FAX: (250) 420-0357

POSITION: Community Support Worker

CLASSIFICATION: Permanent

TERM: Full-time 30 hrs/week

SECTOR: Health

REPORTING TO: Nurse Manager

DATE: November 1, 2023

LOCATION:

Located in the southeastern part of British Columbia, the Town of Creston has a unique blend of mountains, lakes, farms, orchards, and forests. The population of Creston is 5,000 + and the trading area serves about 15,000 people. The Lower Kootenay Band (LKB) has 200 plus members with over 100 members living in community and is a member of the Ktunaxa Nation

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Community Support Worker will have the ability to build supportive, nonjudgmental, mutually respectful relationships that promotes social, physical, mental, and spiritual health and wellness of the Lower Kootenay Community. Work will be on site at the Lower Kootenay Band Health Centre as well as in the Lower Kootenay Community and its lands. Crisis intervention skills and confidence working with people in stressful situations are key. The Community Support Worker will be sensitive and responsive to cultural sensitivities within the Lower Kootenay Band. The Community Support Worker will have the ability to manage caseload independently but also be a solid team member in the office environment. The community support worker will collaborate with other members of the LKB Health Centre team, striving for optimum client health outcomes. The Community Support Worker will advocate for band members through the appropriate channels under the direction of the Nurse Manager and Health Director.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide Medical Travel support to registered members of Lower Kootenay Band
- Provide First Nations Health Benefits information to registered members of Lower Kootenay Band and provide advocacy when needed
- Provide support to clients in various locations such the LKB Health Centre, in the Lower Kootenay Community, and on LKB land while recognizing the uniqueness of every person/situation and meeting them where they are at.
- Encourage and accompany client(s) to community social, health and educational community events.
- Model self-care and share concepts and knowledge with clients.
- Utilize creativity, while determining approaches and supports to meet clients needs.

- Collaborate and network with other service providers to ensure holistic care is provided.
- Refer clients for other identified services as needed.
- Collaborate effectively with the LKB Health Centre Team.
- Organize health and wellness promotion and illness prevention groups as needed or directed by supervisor.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1 -3 years related experience working in health and wellness care related environment.
- Post-Secondary Certificate/Diploma in Youth, Family, Justice or health studies or a combination of education and experience.
- Alcohol and Drug certification an asset.
- Current valid CPR, First Aid, AED.
- Valid class 5 drivers license.
- Related experience or combination of education and experience related to the duties pertaining to this position.
- Preference will be given to those with indigenous ancestry.
- Criminal record check is required.
- **Must be fully vaccinated**

HOW TO APPLY:

Send resume and cover letter to Gwen Grieves at nursegwen@lowerkootenay.com

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