



**Minwaashin Lodge**  
Indigenous Women's Support Centre  
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**Part-time Family Therapist (Female) 3 Year Contract  
(Relying on Provisions of Article 24 (1) of the Ontario Human Rights Code)**

Minwaashin Lodge is seeking a part-time Family Therapist with a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology, Counselling Psychology, Social Work or a related discipline, with training and experience in family therapy, art therapy, play therapy child and/or other related therapeutic approaches. We will also consider applications from individuals with relevant undergraduate or post-graduate education with significant professional experience. The part-time Family Therapist is responsible for the development and facilitation of a 9 week family therapy group First Nations, Metis and Inuit families, with four cycles offered per year, to support clients of Minwaashin Lodge and Oshki Kizis Lodge, using contemporary and traditional healing practices, as well as providing family therapy to individual families. This position is part of the Counseling Team and reports directly to the Manager, Counseling Services. Experience working within a VAW context and/or with Indigenous community members is a significant asset.

**Primary responsibilities**

- Develop a family therapy curriculum for a quarterly 9 week family therapy program, following a culture based approach
- Create promotional materials to increase knowledge of the program among community members and community workers
- Recruit families to participate in the program and conduct intake and assessments with each family to build understanding of their needs and circumstances
- Work collaboratively with other counselling team members to offer a virtual or in person 9 week family therapy program, 4 times per year
- Provide individual short-term family therapy to families participating in the group family therapy program
- Support family healing, cohesion and resiliency, as well as the reclamation of traditional knowledge, through the provision of individual and group culturally based family therapy
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Executive Director that are within the specification of the position

**Qualifications**

- Graduate degree in Social Work, Clinical Psychology, Counselling Psychology or other relevant discipline, including registration with a corresponding professional body, or relevant undergraduate/post-graduate education with significant work experience.
- 3 to 5 years working with families in both individual and group settings
- Trained and experienced in family group counselling and complimentary therapeutic approaches/

- Demonstrated ability to creative innovative and traditional cultural programming for Indigenous families
- Understanding of child development and experience with children and youth between the ages of 5 and 15 years' old, particularly in a VAW setting.
- Experience with post-traumatic stress, trauma, anxiety, behavior difficulties, grief, bullying, addictions, domestic violence and an understanding of intergenerational impacts of residential schools
- A good understanding of the FNIM community and mainstream services in the Ottawa region
- A cultural understanding and sensitivity working with FNIM families and children
- Excellent time management skills, ability to multi-task and prioritize
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

### **Specifications**

- Some evening and week-end work required
- Computer skills and literacy
- Three references preferred
- First Aid and CPR
- Current Vulnerable Persons Check
- Indigenous descent preferred

### **EMPLOYER PREFERENCES:**

- First Nations, Inuit or Metis descent preferred

**To apply:** Send a cover letter, resume and 3 references to – Kate Holden HR/ Finance, Minwaashin Lodge, 2323 St-Laurent blvd , Ottawa, Ontario K1G 4J8 or email to: [kholden@minlodge.com](mailto:kholden@minlodge.com)

Note: Preference in hiring will be given to qualified First Nations, Métis or Inuit candidates. The successful candidate must be able to obtain a police records check with results acceptable to Minwaashin Lodge as a mandatory condition of employment.

**We thank all those that apply; however, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.  
No phone calls please.**