Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre (SOAHAC) is a diverse, multiservice Indigenous health and wellness agency, who has recently embarked on a new initiative and extended its services in the field of early learning and child care. Guided and supported by the Journey Together Indigenous planning committee, SOAHAC will be the operators and licensee of Nshwaasnangong.

Nshwaasnangong is envisioned as a place for Indigenous young children and families to honour, rekindle, and express their identities as Indigenous Peoples; where kindness and compassion helps everyone to have a sense of belonging; where we nurture our well-being, while living in sync with community and all creation; where we engage deeply with questions and possibilities.

The Child Care at Nshwaasnangong will offer licensed child care for up to 88 children ages 0-6 years of age old. The adjoining Family Centre will be a place to connect with opportunities offered for young children, families and youth-including ceremonies, land-based learning, knowledge exchange and community supports.

Construction for Nshwaasnangong is expected to be completed summer 2021, and will be located at 449 Hill Street in London, Ontario.

**Position Summary**

The Cook will provide nutritional meals for up to 88 children following the Canada Food Guide, including Indigenous foods on a rotating basis according to the daily schedule of each classroom (Infant, Toddler, Preschool) while keeping in mind any food intolerances and/or allergies.

The Cook is knowledgeable about maintaining health and safety in the preparation of the daily menu and of the use, maintenance, and upkeep of the industrial kitchen appliances. The individual is knowledgeable of the ordering, proper storage and cooking of foods and conducts housekeeping tasks necessary to maintain the kitchen in an organized, clean, safe and hygienic conditions at all times.
Requirements

- High School Diploma/GED
- Safe Food Handler Certification
- Obtain/maintain a clean and current vulnerable sector police check as a condition of employment
- Valid government issued driver’s license/or access to reliable transportation
- Up-to-date immunization and records
- Must be able to meet the legislative requirements for working in a licensed child care setting
- Willingness to participate in Indigenous Cultural Safety Training, teachings and ceremonies

Experience and Knowledge

- 2 years’ experience working in an institutional setting
- A demonstrated commitment to language revitalization and reclaiming cultural identities, experience as an Indigenous language learner an asset
- Knowledge of the Indigenous histories, cultures, creation stories, and language of the Indigenous population in the London area

Responsibilities

- Maintains a safe and healthy environment, in accordance with the City’s Health Code in collaboration with the Child Care Manager/designate
- Advance planning of menu with respect to our cultural foods and in accordance with the Canada Food Guide, in consideration of the Centre’s food budget and in consultation with the Child Care Centre Manager/Designate for up to 88 children from 0-6 years of age
- Carefully read all food labels, make menu substitutions as required for food sensitivities and/or allergies and record those as required
- Prepare, deliver and collect snack/lunch trays to/from all on-site programs
- Take regular inventory of kitchen equipment and supplies, reports any issues or concerns in a timely manner to the Child Care Centre Manager/Designate
- Other duties as required or assigned by the CEO; Director, Indigenous relations; Nshwaasnangong Child Care & Family Centre management team or delegate

This job may require additional responsibilities and duties as assigned by Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre

Please note that this is full-time @ 35 hours (5 days) per week. This position may be required to work additional hours and/or weekends to accommodate child care ratios. Salary is subject to experience. Comprehensive benefit and pension (HOOPP) package included.

SOAHAC values diversity and is an equal opportunity employer; however, hiring preference will be given to qualified Indigenous applicants. SOAHAC is committed to providing employment accommodation in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. If you require accommodation to apply or if selected to participate in an assessment process, please advise Human Resources.
If you are interested in applying for this position, please forward your cover letter and resume before the closing date to:

Email: nccfc-careers@soahac.on.ca
Subject line: Cook (Child Care), Nshwaasnangong
Or mail to: Human Resources
Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre
425 – 427 William Street
London, ON N6B 3E1

Closing Date: May 21st, 2021

Please visit Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre online at: www.soahac.on.ca or like us on www.facebook.com/soahac to learn more about us!

We thank all those for applying but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.