Atlohsa Family Healing Services is seeking a motivated and knowledgeable individual to fill the role of a Program Director - Biigajiiskaan. As the Program Director – Biigajiiskaan you will design and lead- implement a system of shared-care around the needs of Indigenous peoples experiencing serious mental illness and substance use issues. Through deliberate partnerships and enhanced, Indigenous led and culturally-safe practices you will ensure equitable and timely access to care for Indigenous peoples who are under-served by the current mental health care system. This position involves leading the Biigajiiskaan: Indigenous Pathways to Mental Wellness Program (BIIG) and reports directly to the Executive Director.

Role and Responsibility
The primary focus for the Program Director - Biigajiiskaan will be to provide overall leadership to an interdisciplinary team of practitioners and support staff achieving the program objectives. This includes the development and maintenance of the partnership relationship with St. Joseph’s Healthcare and other partners and engaging with community and partner stakeholders. The care model will include both Traditional Healing and other clinical care that is accessed both in hospital and in the community. This position will oversee the creation of a detailed work plan, the definition and recruitment of a core clinical team, refinement of the integrated care model at various sites and the creation of enhanced pathways to mental wellness.

The successful candidate will have significant demonstrated understanding and experience in both traditional healing approaches and in the western medicine/hospital governed mental health and addiction system. You will have existing relationships with partners within the Indigenous health community and have demonstrated experience co-facilitating initiatives with that community. You will have a deep understanding of models of care for individuals experiencing serious and persistent mental illness and a proven track record for developing new and innovative western and traditional approaches to supporting recovery. You will be a passionate advocate for improving care partnerships to make improvements and heal relationships.

Suitability
• Demonstrated knowledge, awareness and understanding of the creation stories, cultures, languages, histories, and healing practices of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Lenape people
• Masters in Social Work or equivalent
• Minimum 10 years experience in providing both the western/hospital based care and care within the traditional healing/Indigenous care systems
• Demonstrated ability to create and lead implement a mental wellness programs
• Effective communication (both written and verbal) and interpersonal skills with the ability to interact with others in a respectful manner

EMPLOYMENT TERM: Full-Time, 40 hours/week
START DATE: Monday, May 3, 2021
CLOSING DATE: Friday, April 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
SALARY: Competitive compensation and benefits package based on qualifications

Individuals of Indigenous Ancestry are strongly encouraged to apply. Atlohsa supports diversity in all its various manifestations, however, preferences will be given to qualified, Indigenous applicants.

Please submit a cover letter and resume or referral to:

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Full Job Description Available Upon Request. We thank all those who apply however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.