



Niiwin Wendaanimak Wellness Program (FOUR WINDS) INDIGENOUS PEER LEADER – 3 CONTRACT POSITIONS

Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (Parkdale Queen West CHC) is a dynamic, community-based health care organization serving mid-west downtown Toronto. Offering a broad range of services, including primary health care, dental care, harm reduction, health promotion, counselling, and community development programming, we are also committed to serving people who face barriers to health care, and we strive to reduce these barriers. PQWCHC is a multi-sited organization.

Programme Overview: The Niiwin Wendaanimak (Four Winds) Aboriginal Wellness Program supports people who identify as Aboriginal with a focus to support those who are homeless, have experienced homelessness and/or under-housed. The program is housed at the Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre, Queen West site and provides culturally specific programs including access to healing ceremonies, health education, case management supports, access to primary care and harm reduction supports.

General Responsibilities:

- Assists with programme shopping, meal preparation and budget adherence.
- Assists in programme activities and in general programme agenda e.g. supporting crafts, games, drumming.
- Assists with the traditional aspects of the program by being a helper for the Elder.
- Attends meetings and skill-building workshops.
- Helps in planning and preparation of new programme activities.
- Supports participants in the programme and supports programme goals

Qualifications & Experience:

- Have experience of working within Indigenous communities from a philosophy of non-interference and harm reduction.
- Willingness to work in a harm reduction program.
- Gets along with people, does not judge and willing to learn.
- Volunteering or previous work experience is an asset.

This position is for up to 6 months with the possibility of extension. There is a weekly peer rotation – Peers will alternate work every Monday 12-3 & Tuesday from 9:00am-1:30 pm at our Parkdale site, 1229 Queen St West. Thursdays 11-3 or 12-3 with supervision scheduled weekly for each peer & Fridays 9-2 pm at 168 Bathurst Site. Workshops & planning meetings are held throughout the year that you will be paid to attend.

Applicants who self identify as Indigenous and meets the other requirements of the job will be given first consideration in the hiring process.

How to Apply?

Let us know if you are interested in this position by talking to Vivian
Send us an email or drop a note with your name and the best method to reach you.
E-Mail: vrecollet@pqwchc.ca Deadline to apply is on **February 7, 2025**

The successful candidate will demonstrate a willingness to participate in Parkdale Queen West's commitment to becoming a discrimination-free health Centre and an ability to work interdependently and respectfully in a multi-disciplinary team. Languages other than English are an asset. To better represent the communities we serve, applications from members of Indigenous peoples, racial or Cultural minority groups, people with disabilities and 2SLGBTQ+ communities are encouraged to apply. Parkdale Queen West is fully accessible; please advise if you need accommodation in the recruitment process.

Employment is conditional upon having had a full series of COVID-19 vaccinations (as per Ontario Health) 14 days before starting employment.

We will contact only those people selected for an interview, miigwech