



*"The Indigenization of Canada's prison population is nothing short of a national travesty; ... dramatic changes [are needed] to stop the revolving door." – Dr. Ivan Zinger, Correctional Investigator of Canada, January 21, 2020.*

## INDIGENOUS OUTREACH WORKER

Under the supervision of the Program Coordinator and with the guidance of the Advisory Board of Directors the Indigenous Support Worker provides culturally competent services to aboriginal women who have experienced - conflict with the Canadian Correctional System. This includes women on probation, parole, and bail. Also, women who have experienced violence to themselves, their children, and families.

The Indigenous Support Worker assists clients using a holistic approach focused on healing, decreasing the challenges of isolation as well as rebuilding and attending to practical needs. i.e. shelter, food insecurity, transportation, and isolation. The Indigenous Support Worker will also assist clients with OW and ODSP applications. The Support Worker in consultation and under the direction of the Coordinator, will provide supports, develop activities and deliver virtual workshops and will serve as a bridge to other services such as counseling, transportation to essential appointments, and virtual cultural activities. Both within the GTA and within the broader community.

### Qualifications:

- Diploma or experience in a related field
- 2 years related experience or equivalent combination of education and experience
- Broad knowledge of Indigenous issues, history, culture, and tradition
- Experience providing support services
- Strong problem and conflict resolution skills
- Current knowledge of community programs and resources
- Understanding of the challenges criminalized women encounter
- Understanding of the dynamics of violence against Indigenous women
- Understanding and willingness to practice COVID 19 safety protocols.

- Must be able to work as a team member and independently

**The Thunder Woman Outreach Support Worker will:**

- Liaise with representatives of community agencies and partners to identify additional or alternative services, provide referrals, and resolve problems.
- Advocate on behalf of clients to facilitate access to services and opportunities.
- Initiate contact with community resources and make referrals to support release plans.
- Provide crisis interventions, mediates conflicts and provides practical assistance regarding a variety of topics such as budgeting.
- Provide, assistance and support to client, identify issues, make referrals, and provide follow up to verify that clients are connected to services.

### **Conditions of employment**

This is a contract position with the possibility of renewal.

Closing date for applications Friday September 4, 2020

**Wage:** Negotiable

**Hours:** 35 hours a week with flexibility

**Applicants must have a valid drivers license**

**Please submit your resume and covering letter via e-mail to Patti Pettigrew, [p.pettigrew@twhls.ca](mailto:p.pettigrew@twhls.ca) Only resumes submitted by e-mail to [p.pettigrew@twhls.ca](mailto:p.pettigrew@twhls.ca) will be reviewed**

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. We thank everyone who applies but only those shortlisted will be contacted for an interview