

Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor

Job No: 50319

Location: Fort St. John, BC

- **A unique opportunity to make a difference in the health and well being of the Blueberry River First Nations community.**
- **Attractive remuneration package plus excellent benefits package.**
- **Exceptional company culture with a firm commitment to its people.**

About the Organization

Blueberry River First Nations is covered under Treaty 8 and was recognized as the St. John Beaver Band in 1950. The name originates from the abundant supply of blueberries found in the valley by the river.

The main community, which is comprised of two reserves, is located on Blue Berry River I.R. No.205, approximately 80km northwest of Fort St. John. Facilities available on the reserve include a band office, band hall, elementary school and headstart building, gymnasium, firehall, and garage. *The Blueberry River First Nations* has just completed a 10 million dollar state-of-the-art facility.

About the Opportunity

Blueberry River First Nations has a fantastic opportunity for a **Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor** to join their team in Fort St. John, BC.

Reporting to the Health Director, and working within the context of the client-centred, family focused BRFN health vision and goals, you will be responsible for **providing mental health, addictions and wellness counselling services to the community and the health team.**

Specifically, you will be working in a community-based health centre with outreach for home and school visits and community activities. Some travel may be required for meetings, training and community member support.

To qualify, you must have a **degree in psychology or related field**, along with a **minimum of 5 years of counselling experience in a First Nations community-based setting.**

This role calls for a unique blend of management and interpersonal abilities. You are able to **motivate and guide community members and inspire participation in health programs, activities and events.** Along with strong communication, conflict resolution, counseling, and assessment skills, you have the ability to use a creative, holistic approach to individual and family support and counseling.

Knowledge and understanding of First Nations mental health/addictions and social issues is required, as is a willingness to increase your awareness of Beaver and Cree culture and values.

You must be willing to submit to a Criminal Records Check and have a valid Class 5 driver's license.

About the Benefits

You will be rewarded for your dedication, passion and commitment with an **attractive remuneration package** depending on work experience. In addition, you will enjoy a wide range of **excellent benefits**, including:

- Generous **medical, dental, and vision plan**;
- Reasonable **Relocation Costs** are covered per case basis;
- Three weeks of annual **vacation**; and
- Eligibility to enroll in **BRFN Pension Plan**.

*Most importantly you will be joining a **supportive team** of professionals who are dedicated to improving the lives of the BRFNs communities. This is a chance for you to advance your career in Aboriginal Education while making a difference for the Adults of Blueberry River First Nations. **APPLY NOW!***

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