



WildernessTherapist

We are currently seeking a Therapist for our Outdoor Leadership Experience (OLE) program

Pine River Institute is a Residential Treatment Centre and Outdoor Leadership Experience for youth 13 to 19 struggling with substance abuse and the cluster of behaviors' often associated with it. Our campus is located on a 200-acre site 100 kilometers northwest of Toronto, Ontario, and includes a residential program for 36 adolescents ages 13-19, an 8 youth therapeutic wilderness program near Algonquin Park, and an aftercare program, with an office in Toronto. Our family-centered program is innovative and highly structured, and creates opportunities for troubled teens to engage in a focused transformation process through a fusion of education, therapy, recreation, and life skills. The majority of our students are from Ontario, and are funded by the Ministries of Health and Education. We also work with families from across Canada, and internationally.

Start: immediate

Salary Range: commensurate with education and experience

Location: This full time position works in Algonquin Park/Huntsville, however will travel to our residential treatment centre 1 day per month in Hornings Mills, Ontario.

Position Overview:

Reporting directly to the Clinical Director

Key Responsibilities:

- In collaboration with the Clinical Team, ensure the alignment of each student's individual program with the overall therapeutic and academic objectives, values and philosophy of the school.
- Organize, lead and participate in student academic, recreational and therapeutic activities as required.
- Serve as a liaison for parents whose children are in the wilderness, providing weekly phone support and written updates to parents within 48 hours of each clinical session with the student.
- Provide on-call back-up to the wilderness team as part of a rotating schedule, as determined by the Program Manager.
- Collect weekly and daily progress notes from field staff, and use this information as part of the OLE Summary Report and treatment plan
- Prepare, ideally within a few days of transfer to the school, an Outdoor Leadership Experience Summary Report which provides background information on the student, summarizes his/her behaviours and experiences while in the wilderness, identifies any areas of emotional concern and noted areas of strength, as well as offering treatment recommendations for continued progress at the school.
- Supervise, train and support field staff and the Program Manager regarding the emotional and behavioural management of students in the wilderness.
- Assist as a resource in the provision of professional development activities for OLE Field Staff
- Contribute as part of the senior clinical team to ensure the therapeutic goals of the program in general and the individual therapeutic plan for the students and their families are realized.
- Face to face contact with all OLE students on a weekly basis requiring 1-2 overnights per week in the field.

Qualifications, Skills & Experience:

- Undergraduate or Graduate degree in the relevant therapeutic field.
- BSW or MA in Clinical Psychology or Social Work preferred.
- Previous experience with multi-disciplinary team treatment planning is essential
- A minimum of 3 years related experience, with at least 1 years in a residential treatment facility and/or wilderness program.
- Must have some experience in a wilderness setting.
- Demonstrated track record of leading and working effectively with professional, collaborative groups.
- Strong written and verbal communication
- Proven ability to make and sustain excellent interpersonal relationships
- Strong, flexible and results-driven management experience.

Interested candidates should apply to Jennifer Rutledge *Director Human Resources* in writing to hr@pineriverinstitute.com by January 29th 2021. We thank all applicants who apply. Please note that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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