



Southwest Ontario
Aboriginal Health
Access Centre



NSHWAASNANGONG
CHILD CARE &
FAMILY CENTRE

Relief Cook

Status: Casual, on-call; 12-month Contract
Location: London, Ontario
Hours: As needed, between 0-35 hours/week
Pension: HOOPP (defined benefit pension plan) - optional
Posting Date: November 25, 2022
Deadline: December 9, 2022

Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre (SOAHAC) is a diverse, multiservice Indigenous health and wellness agency, who has extended its services in the field of early learning and child care. Guided and supported by the Journey Together Indigenous planning committee. SOAHAC is the operator and licensee of **Nshwaasnangong**.

Nshwaasnangong is a place for Indigenous young children and families to honour, rekindle, and express their identities as Indigenous Peoples; where kindness and compassion helps everyone to have a sense of belonging; where we nurture our well-being, while living in sync with community and all creation; where we engage deeply with questions and possibilities.

The Child Care at Nshwaasnangong offers licensed child care for up to 88 children ages 0-6 years of age old. The adjoining Family Centre will be a place to connect with opportunities offered for young children, families and youth-including ceremonies, land-based learning, knowledge exchange and community supports. Nshwaasnangong is located at 449 Hill Street in London, Ontario.

Position Summary: The Relief Cook will provide nutritional meals for up to 88 children following the Canada Food Guide, including Indigenous foods on a rotating basis according to the daily schedule of each classroom; (Infant, Toddler, Preschool) while keeping in mind any food intolerances and/or allergies.

The Relief Cook is a knowledgeable about maintaining health and safety in the preparation of the daily menu and of the use of, the maintenance of and the upkeep of the industrial kitchen appliances. Knowledgeable of the ordering, proper storage and cooking of foods. Conduct housekeeping tasks necessary to maintain the kitchen in an organized, clean, safe and hygienic conditions at all times

Requirements:

- High School Diploma/GED
- Safe Food Handler Certification
- Obtain and maintain a clean and current vulnerable sector police check as a condition of employment
- Valid government issued driver's license or access to reliable transportation
- Up-to-date immunization and records including at least 2 COVID-19 immunizations
- Willingness to participate in Indigenous Cultural Safety Training, teachings and ceremonies
- Must be able to meet the legislative requirements for working in a licensed child care setting

Experience and Knowledge:

- 2 years' experience cooking in an institutional setting
- A demonstrated commitment to language revitalization and reclaiming cultural identities, experience as an Indigenous language learner an asset
- Knowledge of the Indigenous histories, cultures, creation stories, and language of the Indigenous population in the London area

Responsibilities:

- Maintains a safe and healthy environment, in accordance with the City's Health Code in collaboration with the Child Care Manager/designate
- Advance planning of menu with respect to our cultural foods and in accordance with the Canada Food Guide, in consideration of the Centre's food budget and in consultation with the Child Care Centre Manager/Designate for up to 88 children from 0-6 years of age
- Carefully read all food labels, make menu substitutions as required for food sensitivities and/or allergies and record those as required
- prepare, deliver and collect snack/lunch trays to/from all on-site programs
- Regular inventory of kitchen equipment and supplies, reports any issues or concerns in a timely manner to the Child Care Centre Manager/Designate
- Other duties as required or assigned by the CEO; Director, Indigenous relations; Nshwaasnangong Child Care & Family Centre management team or delegate

This job may require additional responsibilities and duties as assigned by Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre

Please note that this is a casual, on-call position. This position may be required to work 0-35 hours per week, based on need. Salary is subject to experience.

SOAHAC values diversity and is an equal opportunity employer; however, hiring preference will be given to qualified Indigenous applicants. SOAHAC is committed to providing employment accommodation in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. If you require accommodation to apply or if selected to participate in an assessment process, please advise Human Resources.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please forward your cover letter and resume to:

Email: careers@soahac.on.ca

Subject line: **Relief Cook (Child Care), Nshwaasnangong**

Or mail to: **Human Resources
Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre
425 – 427 William Street
London, ON N6B 3E1**

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We thank all those for applying but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.