

# Circle Keeper / Elder

**Kahkiyaw Ayisiyinowak ka Wahkotot** – “All people, especially traditional peoples, are related” – Kahkiyaw is a new and ground-breaking Aboriginal-led and community-based program created to significantly improve the lives of Aboriginal children, youth and families in the Greater Edmonton Region.

Kahkiyaw is being delivered in partnership by Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society and Boyle Street Community Services, two community organizations with a long and successful history of serving Aboriginal people in Edmonton. Working closely with CFSA Central Neighbourhood Centre, and using the Collaborative Service Delivery (CSD) model, the program will provide a continuum of services to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal children and families in our city.

This position is for Circle Keeper / Elder who will lead our agency with knowledge and support that will involve Family Circles and assisting the staff in crisis situations to help foster peace among children, youth and families and/or among the team. Circle Keeper/Elder will work alongside our Family Wellness Workers to support children and families in various capacities. Provide support for our cultural team in Indigenous Cultural Teachings and other cultural teachings.

## Job Description

- Culturally connected and trained in facilitation, mediation, and conflict resolution.
- Facilitating and/or assisting in sharing and healing circles when needed by the family.
- Circles allow the family an opportunity to feel empowered and confident to make their own decisions in support of their children.
- Establishing strong relationships with families and children.
- Circle Keepers must also have knowledge in the Aboriginal culture and traditions.
- Assisting the cultural team in Family Group Conferences when needed by the family.
- Knowledge of drum and rattle making would be an asset.
- Facilitating morning prayer in agency
- Provide support for our families in need by referrals submitted by the Kahkiyaw staff team and our Children Services Team.
- Elder will conduct prayer and smudge in community events when requested.
- Support Bent Arrow staff in prayer and smudge. Assist staff in cultural teachings
- Facilitate pipe ceremonies

## Education and Credentials

- Applicant should be a recognized Elder by the community
- Knowledge of an Indigenous language is an asset
- Degree or diploma is an asset.
- Having your own vehicle for transportation is a must.
- Experience working with Indigenous families is an asset.
- **Current (within 6 months) Criminal Record check and Child & Family Intervention check, and Driver's Abstract (without outstanding issues) is required prior to starting employment.**

**Salary and Benefits**

- Monthly salary based on working 34.50 hours per week.
- Monthly auto allowance.
- Paid sick and wellness days after 3 months' probation.
- Extended Health Benefit (50/50 cost sharing) after 6 months' employment.

**Start Date**

This position is to start immediately.

**How to Apply**

Please submit your cover letter and resume on the link: <http://bentarrow.ca/about/apply-now/>

Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society would like to thank all applicants for their interest; however, only successful applicants will be selected for interviews.