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PROGRAM CENTRE

274 Colborne Street,
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Position Title:

Ohkwari'ta Cultural Support Knowledge Keeper
(Empowering Community Wellness Through Culture)

Pronunciation: *Oh-gwa-LEE-ta*

Meaning: One who supports and stands with the respected ones (all community members are respected)

Purpose of the Position

The Ohkwari'ta Cultural Support Knowledge Keeper ensures that **every person** entering Gihekdagye Friendship Centre is welcomed into a culturally safe environment rooted in Indigenous teachings, support, and relationship-based care. This position promotes cultural wellness for **Elders, youth, adults, families, and community**, and strengthens access to Indigenous identity, ceremony, language, and healing.

Key Responsibilities

Cultural Support for All Community Members

- Support individuals accessing Centre services with kindness, safety, and cultural connection
- Provide gentle guidance in cultural protocols, medicines, and teachings
- Create culturally grounded spaces where people feel seen, respected, and valued

Program & Cultural Wellness Leadership

- Assist in planning and facilitating ceremonies, celebrations, healing circles, and seasonal events
- Work collaboratively across all programs to ensure cultural inclusion in service delivery
- Promote wellbeing practices that honour Indigenous values and identity

Community Engagement & Relationship Building

- Welcome clients and families, offering help navigating programs and services
- Build trusting relationships that support belonging and reduce isolation
- Encourage intergenerational sharing and mutual learning opportunities

Safety, Support & Advocacy

- Monitor wellbeing of participants during gatherings and services
- Identify when someone may require additional assistance and help connect them to the right supports
- Ensure trauma-informed and culturally humble care for all community members



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Documentation & Reporting

- Track cultural program participation and wellness activities
- Maintain confidentiality and records securely
- Contribute monthly impact updates to Operations Manager

Qualifications

- Strong grounding in Indigenous culture, teachings, and relational practices e.g. Haudenosaunee & Anishinaabe
- Experience supporting people of diverse ages, backgrounds, and needs
- Ability to create a comforting and safe presence in community spaces
- Knowledge of sacred medicines and cultural safety practices
- CPR/First Aid an asset
- Clear communication and teamwork abilities

Personal Qualities

- Good Mind and compassionate leadership
- Patience, humour, and humility
- Ability to listen deeply
- Respect for diverse Nations, identities, and experiences

Hours

Full-time (35–40 hours/week) with flexibility for cultural programming and community needs.

Reports To

Executive Director
Collaborates with all program teams

Cultural Value

This role strengthens the spirit of community. The Ohkwari'ta Cultural Support Knowledge Keeper ensures that every person who walks through our doors feels welcome, supported, and connected to culture as a source of resilience and wellness.



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