



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- Title:** Nation Builder Advocate
- Location:** T4EA Head Office: Treaty 4 Governance Centre, Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan
- Term:** Until March 31, 2018
- Other:** All employees are required to submit a current Driver's Abstract and Criminal Record Check with Vulnerability Screen

OVERVIEW:

The Nation Builder Advocate provides cultural supports to the School Success Team and all staff, identifying ways to appropriately and consistently include First Nations/Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing into action plans. The Nation Builder Advocate has a specific responsibility to develop supportive programming that increases student engagement, retention, and community engagement.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Works conscientiously in collaboration with T4EA staff and school staffs to develop and implement strategies and action plans that support student engagement and retention, with a specific focus on local strengths, First Nations cultural strategies and Indigenous knowledge.
- Develops effective communication strategies to build deeper understanding of T4EA program mandate and goals with/for a variety of audiences and stakeholders, particularly as it relates to student engagement and retention.
- Acts as a primary liaison support for student/community – school – leadership relationship building, providing cultural supports to improve and facilitate communication. Works in collaboration with the Cultural Advocates to build and develop our work with Elders and other community knowledge keepers and guides.
- Provides first-rate support to T4EA program staff with research, development, and implementation of specific programming that supports, guides and nurtures students to achieve personal and academic goals
- Supports communities (leadership, families/caregivers and staffs) in understanding the importance of community engagement and family involvement.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Superior organization, confidentiality and sensitivity to community, school and student data and information.
- Ability to develop and/or support program development, adaptations/innovations, supportive resources, and professional learning opportunities
- Confidence, optimism, hope and resiliency
- Challenge, influence and capability of motivating students to attain high goals
- Collaboration and networking with others inside and outside the school community
- Mutual respect by affirming and empowering others to work in the best interests of all students.
- Passion and commitment to working with First Nations children, youth and families, using a strength/asset-based approach that aligns to the goal, vision and mandate of the Treaty 4 Education Alliance

- A degree, diploma or certificate from a recognized program is preferred, but consideration is given to those possessing a combination of education, skills and experience
- Excellent interpersonal, and relationship-building skills, with a demonstrated understanding of First Nations communities and Indigenous worldviews
- Knowledge of best practice in Canadian First Nations education, federal education systems and treaty rights to education.
- Computer proficiency

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS:

- Competitive and commensurate with education and experience

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION:

Treaty 4 Education Alliance Inc. is a First Nations educational organization providing quality educational supports and services for 12 First Nations in the Treaty 4 territory (Saskatchewan, Canada).

Please visit <http://educationalliance.ca> to learn more about our work with schools.

E-mail your resume and cover letter in confidence to:

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Re: "Nation Builder Advocate"

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Closing Date:

November 01, 2017

4:30 pm