

Woven Journey Volunteer

Role Description:

Working in a team of volunteers, the Woven Journey volunteer supports iHuman staff and young Indigenous mothers in the Woven Journey Program. Provides childcare supervision to infants and young children (newborn to 11 years old) while their mothers are participating in the Woven Journey program. Engages with the moms and helps them to navigate resources in the Family Room. This position is in-person and requires a weekly, ongoing commitment.

Main Responsibilities:

- Builds trustful relationships and engages with young Indigenous mothers and their children, in a positive and meaningful manner.
- Assists the Family Program staff with the delivery of art-based, educational, and fun programming for infants and children.
- Supports staff with care and safety for children while young Indigenous mothers are participating in programming.
- Assists the Family Program staff to sustain an organized, clean space before and after the program.
- May contribute with ideas and assist with upcoming activities in accordance with the Family Program practices, values and needs of the current groups.
- Other general tasks and assistance to projects assigned by the Family Program staff.

Skills/Qualifications:

- Experience and/or education in Indigenous Cultures, Early Child Development, Family Wellness and/or a field study related to infants and children is an asset.
- Genuine passion for working with infants and children.
- Understanding of trauma-informed practices, harm reduction and systemic challenges facing young Indigenous mothers and children.
- Experience working with vulnerable and marginalized youth (12-24) is preferred.
- Flexibility to engage in both open and structured programming.
- Commitment of 6 months on a weekly basis with option to extend.
- Knowledge of healthy brain development is an asset.
- Standard First Aid, Infant CPR is an asset.