



INDEPENDENT FIRST NATIONS ALLIANCE

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Education Partnership Program (EPP) Liaison

IFNA Education – Academic Services

Position is Full-time

Immediately hiring for position to start asap until July 1, 2024

Schedule: Mostly Mon-Fri, 8:30am to 4:30pm (some work in evenings/weekends)

Located in Sioux Lookout, Ontario

Join Us in Empowering Indigenous Youth!

Are you ready to make an immediate impact? The Independent First Nations Alliance (IFNA) seeks a dedicated individual for the role of **Education Partnership Program (EPP) Liaison**. **The EPP Liaison** undertakes assigned activities in support of the EPP joint Implementation Plan that are designed to improve the scope and quality of education programs and services available to NAN First Nation students attending First Nation and provincially funded schools. This position is critical to the successful completion of EPP educational initiatives and for maintaining effective liaison with First Nations and assigned Provincial District School Boards (DSB's) and their respective schools.

This isn't just about filling a role; it's about finding someone who believes in the potential and well-being of Indigenous youth. Join us in making a difference!

Responsibilities:

- Establish positive and direct relationship with assigned DSB's and schools within those DSB's that enroll NAN First Nation Students.
- Distribute and recommend to staff in Board schools appropriate curriculum and teaching materials which will improve the cultural relevancy of school programs and where required, help ensure approval for use of such materials in Board schools.
- Help plan appropriate Professional Development activities for teachers of First Nation students in Board Schools.
- Assist with the implementation of specific EPP activities at the provincially funded school level.
- Foster positive relationships between First Nation schools and Board schools including by promoting effective and ongoing communication between them.



- Plan, implement, and evaluate specific transition activities to ensure the smooth integration of First Nation students in Board schools including by ensuring First Nations schools transition process are aligned with their receiving board schools.
- Promote and help plan cultural events in Board schools.
- Help ensure that First Nation and Provincial schools are aware of the EPP program, its activities, and opportunities.
- Encourage and facilitate the involvement of First Nation students in Board school sports and extra-curricular programs.
- Maintain ongoing contact with First Nation and provincial schools in their EPP area.
- Prepare regular progress reports for the Education Partnership Table.
- Participate as requested in EPP Lead Meetings and in the Education Partnership Table meetings.
- Deliver presentations at Partnership Table Meetings, teacher conferences, workshops and symposia as requested.
- Help ensure that current tuition agreements are in place with assigned Boards and make appropriate recommendations for effective implementation of these agreements.
- Help ensure alignment between EPP activities and Board FNMI (Aboriginal Education Strategy) funding and activities.

Position Requirements:

- 3-5 years related education work.
- Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent Experience in a training or education-related position
- Knowledge of First Nation education issues, challenges and delivery models.
- Ability to work effectively with others.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently or with others.
- Strong communication skills with proficiency in developing written communications and the development and delivery of oral presentations.
- Willing to travel to First Nation communities, in small aircrafts.
- The ability to speak Ojibwe, Oji-Cree or Cree is an asset.
- Must possess strong facilitation skills.



Why Join IFNA? Here, it's more than a job – it's a chance to be part of a community-driven effort to uplift and empower our youth. You'll have the opportunity to grow professionally, contribute to meaningful initiatives, and create lasting positive change.

If you're ready to make a tangible impact and support Indigenous youth on their journey to wellness, apply now! Your passion, skills, and commitment are exactly what we need in Sioux Lookout.

Note: Flexibility is key at IFNA. You may occasionally cover tasks outside your role, ensuring comprehensive support for our organization's mission.

Closing Date: Posted until filled.

Start date: ASAP

Salary: Based on a combination of education and experience.

How to apply for the EPP Liaison role: Email your resume and cover letter to recruitment@ifna.ca

Please note that only candidates under consideration will be contacted. We value diversity and encourage individuals from Indigenous backgrounds to self-declare, as preference may be given to candidates with such backgrounds in line with our commitment to inclusivity and community representation.