



Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

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Job Description – Enaadmaaged (Helper)

Summer Student Employment Program (SSEP) 2026

Enji Maajtaawaad Early Years – Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

Program Area:

JK/SK Anishinaabemowin Summer Camp

Duration:

July 6, 2026 – August 28, 2026

Location:

Enji Maajtaawaad Early Years, 330 Chippewa Rd, Muncey, ON

Reports To:

Ojibwe Mentee Position (on-site)

Position Overview

The Enaadmaaged (Helper) will support the delivery of a culturally grounded, language-rich summer camp for JK/SK-aged children (4–6 years). Rooted in the values of relationship, respect, and community, this role contributes to a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where children are immersed in Anishinaabemowin language and ways of knowing and being.

Working alongside Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs) and program staff, the Enaadmaaged will assist in daily programming that reflects the principles of *How Does Learning Happen?*, the *Early Learning for Every Child Today (ELECT)* framework, and Enji Maajtaawaad's commitment to language revitalization and land-based learning.

Key Responsibilities

Program Support & Implementation

Assist educators in planning and implementing play-based, inquiry-driven activities that support children's learning and development

Support the integration of Anishinaabemowin language into daily routines, transitions, songs, storytelling, and play

Help facilitate cultural teachings and experiences, including crafts, storytelling, and traditional knowledge activities

Participate actively in land-based and outdoor learning experiences, including walks, nature exploration, and community-based activities

Child Supervision & Safety

Support the supervision of children in accordance with CCEYA regulations and centre policies

Assist in maintaining a safe, clean, and organized environment (indoors and outdoors)

Support children during transitions (arrival, meals, rest time, departure)

Help monitor children's well-being and communicate any concerns to supervising staff

Relationship-Based Practice

Build positive, respectful relationships with children, families, staff, and community members

Model kindness, patience, and culturally respectful interactions



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Support children's sense of:

Belonging

Wellbeing

Engagement

Expression

Encourage children's voice, choice, and independence

Program Environment & Daily Operations

Assist with setting up and maintaining inviting learning environments and activity areas

Support preparation and organization of materials and supplies

Help with light housekeeping tasks (e.g., tidying, sanitizing toys, organizing spaces)

Assist with meal and snack routines as needed

Team Collaboration

Work collaboratively with RECEs and team members to support daily programming

Participate in brief team check-ins or reflections when appropriate

Demonstrate flexibility, initiative, and willingness to learn

Learning & Development Opportunities

This position is designed to support student growth by providing:

Hands-on experience in early childhood education settings

Exposure to Anishinaabe culturally grounded programming

Opportunities to learn and practice Anishinaabemowin language

Experience with land-based and holistic approaches to child development

Mentorship from experienced RECEs and Early Years leadership

Qualifications & Requirements

Required:

Must be eligible under the Summer Student Employment Program (SSEP)

Demonstrated interest in working with children and community programs

Reliable, responsible, and able to work as part of a team

Assets:

Experience working with children (e.g., babysitting, volunteering, camps)

Interest in or basic knowledge of Anishinaabemowin language and culture

Enrollment in or interest in Early Childhood Education or related field

First Aid & CPR Certification (or willingness to obtain)

Core Competencies

Positive attitude and willingness to learn

Strong communication and interpersonal skills

Cultural respect and openness

Teamwork and collaboration

Responsibility and dependability



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Position Rationale

The Enaadmaaged (Helper) role supports Enji Maajtaawaad's vision of raising strong, confident children grounded in language, culture, and community. This position contributes directly to:

Strengthening Anishinaabemowin language revitalization in early years

Supporting a child-centred, culturally responsive learning environment

Building future capacity in the Early Childhood Education workforce within the community

Working Conditions

Combination of indoor and outdoor work

Active participation in physical activities (e.g., outdoor play, walking)

Occasional participation in community outings or field trips

Additional Notes

All successful candidates will be required to follow:

Enji Maajtaawaad Early Years policies and procedures

Confidentiality and professionalism standards

Health and safety requirements