



Cheyenne River Youth Project®

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Position Title:	Youth Art Director
Department:	Waniyetu Wowapi Lakota Youth Arts Institute
Terms of Employment:	Full Time / Permanent / Salaried with Benefits
Compensation:	Dependent Upon Qualifications and/or Experience
Supervisor:	Deputy Director

The Waniyetu Wowapi Lakota Youth Arts Institute is a new multi-disciplinary community-based arts initiative led by the Cheyenne River Youth Project (CRYP) that seeks to reconnect our kids and community to our traditions and ways through art. We are seeking an energetic, creative, forward-thinking Youth Art Director to lead the development of the Waniyetu Wowapi Lakota Youth Arts Institute and grow our youth arts and education programming. The ideal candidate will have a positive attitude, collaborative spirit and be a great motivator and supervisor working with artists, partners and staff on program and curriculum development, school and community outreach, classroom and group management, and artistic production.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

SERVICE DELIVERY and SUPERVISION

- Oversee the execution of arts educational programming and curriculum content consistent with CRYP's goals for the Waniyetu Wowapi Lakota Youth Arts Institute;
- Ensure the development of appropriate curriculum plans. Foster the educational experience via hands-on developmentally appropriate and highly interactive teaching methods;
- Develop procedures and policies for safe and effective operation of the overall Institute;
- Retain and supervise site coordinators, assistants, teaching artists, and consultants. Provide performance evaluation and feedback within the program;
- Participate in regular CRYP meetings and lead any art related meetings;
- Develop orientation for teaching artists and staff on best practices in arts education and afterschool programming;
- Be available to facilitate activities with youth participants, build relationships, and support;
- Art and community event planning and management

YOUTH RECRUITMENT and OUTREACH

- Develop and oversee participant recruitment plan;
- With program staff, conduct ongoing outreach at reservation-wide schools and in the local community, including classroom presentations, guest workshops, and participating at relevant events;
- Establish and maintain communication with local school systems to share information about the Waniyetu Wowapi Lakota Youth Arts Institute afterschool arts program;
- Facilitate partnerships with appropriate tribal and private agencies that provide services to students and families to broaden the impact and reach of the Cheyenne River Youth Project and help position the Waniyetu Wowapi Lakota Youth Arts Institute as a community resource. Participate on tribal, local and state committees and/or meetings related to after school programs, as necessary;
- Organize community meetings and host focus groups as necessary;
- Interface with partners

**The Main Youth Center · Čokata Wičoni Teen Center · Winyan Toka Win Garden · Family Services
Waniyetu Wowapi Lakota Youth Arts & Culture Institute · Keya Cafe & Coffee Shop · Keya Gift Shop**

REPORTING, ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION

- Maintain online database ensuring all artists and students fill out necessary forms;
- Update database attendance sheets;
- Establish performance standards to assure that contractual service objectives are attained;
- Ensure performance targets of students are met;
- Grant management;
- Develop and maintain records needed for program administration;
- Coordinate with the CRYP Finance Manager to monitor program budget, provide needed information for financial reporting;
- Prepare information for funder reports and assist to secure donations and funding for the program as needed;
- Perform other duties as assigned

REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of Bachelor's Degree, preferably in Art Education or related field;
- Experience with youth arts education programming in a community-based and after-school setting;
- Experience working with artists and teachers on curriculum development;
- Strong knowledge of Lakota art
- Demonstrated ability to lead and energize multi-disciplinary work teams to respond to needs and get results;
- A strong commitment to supporting youth;
- Completion of background clearances including: criminal history background check and drug test;
- Access to a car to purchase and deliver supplies and materials as needed;
- Excellent communication skills, including computer and interpersonal skills;
- Strong critical thinking, verbal, writing and organizational skills;
- Ability to manage a budget

Specific Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree;
- At least 21 years of age;
- Knowledge and understanding of non-profit organizations;
- Previous training/teaching experience preferred

General Qualifications

- Knowledge of modern business communications;
- Basic familiarity with modern business equipment;
- Able and willing to serve as a positive role model to area youth;
- Willingness to learn and receive training;
- Prior experience serving in a youth organization preferred;
- Knowledge of and experience with American Indian communities preferred;
- Have or able to obtain a South Dakota driver's license;
- Current criminal history background check;
- Assist with community surveys and assessments;
- First Aid Safety Training preferred;
- Must have home / cell phone;
- Must be willing to meet all Standard Expectations of CRYP

TO APPLY:

E-mail a cover letter addressing your interest and qualifications for the position, your resume, salary requirements, and 3 work-related references to:

Julie Garreau, Executive Director; julie.cryp@gmail.com.

Please indicate Youth **Art Director Position** on subject line of email.

**Cheyenne River Youth Project, Waniyetu Wowapi Lakota Youth Arts Institute,
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Open Until Position Is Filled**