

## Managing Director, Inspiring Healthy Futures

**Location:** Ottawa, ON

### **Position Overview:**

Inspiring Healthy Futures (IHF) is a pan-Canadian community comprised of cross-sectoral champions (individual and organizational) for children, youth and families. IHF was founded by four co-sponsors including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health, Pediatric Chairs of Canada, UNICEF Canada and Children's Healthcare Canada but includes over three hundred individuals and organizations committed to working together to advance child, youth and family health and wellbeing.

Inspiring Healthy Futures is seeking a dynamic and visionary leader to serve as the inaugural Managing Director. Drawing from a collective impact model, the Managing Director will co-develop and oversee all aspects of the network's operations, programs, and strategic initiatives aimed at measurably improving child, youth and family health and wellbeing. This individual will be responsible for leading engagement, building pan-Canadian and International strategic partnerships, leading advocacy efforts and implementing effective strategies to achieve our vision, improve health equity and make a lasting impact for Canadian children, youth and families.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

#### Strategic Leadership:

- Identify and advance shared priorities defined by IHF and One Child Every Child (a national research initiative to address health inequities amongst children and youth).
- Develop and execute a comprehensive strategic plan aligned with the IHF's mission and goals.
- Provide visionary leadership to inspire and motivate engagement with existing and new partners towards achieving the IHF priorities, including young people and those representing equity deserving populations.
- Continuously monitor progress, evaluate and adapt network strategies to remain relevant.
- Provide quarterly updates (at minimum) to co-founders and IHF sponsors.

#### Operations and Program Management:

- Develop and execute on a workplan, inclusive of priorities defined by the "Future Fit for Kids" IHF Summit (Fall 2023).
- Oversee day-to-day operations, ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in program and project implementation.
- Monitor program/project outcomes, assess performance, and implement improvements as needed.
- Collaborate with the host secretariat (Children's Healthcare Canada) to develop and manage budgets, and ensure financial sustainability.
- Collaborate with the One Child Every Child team to integrate findings and priorities of IHF into OCEC research and knowledge mobilization agenda.

**Partnership Development:**

- Build and cultivate relationships with key partners, including government agencies, elected and appointed decision makers, youth and family partners, community organizations, research agencies/networks and child and youth service providers.
- Identify and establish strategic collaborations, sponsorships, and funding opportunities to support the achievement and sustainability of collective priorities.

**Advocacy and Communication:**

- Serve as the primary spokesperson for Inspiring Healthy Futures, promoting awareness of our community, our mission and shared priorities.
- Effectively communicate IHF goals, achievements, and impact to diverse audiences through various mediums.
- Lead advocacy initiatives to advance defined child, youth and family policy priorities at the federal level in concert with IHF partners and members.

**Qualifications:**

- Master's degree in related field – or equivalent leadership experience within the nonprofit sector or a related field (five years minimum).
- Knowledge of health promotion, public health, public policy development and advocacy or a similar field strongly desired.
- Demonstrated success in strategic planning, resource mobilization, and project management.
- Passion for and demonstrated success advancing health equity for children, youth and families.
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, with the ability to engage diverse stakeholders. Bilingualism is an asset.
- Strong interpersonal skills, with the ability to build and maintain effective relationships with internal and external partners.
- Ability to work independently, prioritize tasks, and manage multiple projects simultaneously.
- Ability to travel within Canada.

Inspiring Healthy Futures offers a competitive salary (\$80-100K commensurate with experience) and benefits package. This is a full-time position requiring occasional travel, as well as occasional evening and weekend availability.

**To Apply:**

Please submit a resume, cover letter, and references to Emily Gruenwoldt ([egruenwoldt@childhealthcan.ca](mailto:egruenwoldt@childhealthcan.ca)) by December 1, 2023. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Note: Inspiring Healthy Futures is an equal opportunity employer committed to accessibility, diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Applicants from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.