# JOB VACANCY - VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE



Position Title: Location: Employment Status: Reports To: Clinical Coordinator Preston (Melbourne) 12 months Fixed Term Family Counselling Manager

#### About the Organisation

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) was established in 1973 to address the specific medical needs of Victorian indigenous communities. The organisation has expanded steadily over past 40 years to provide a comprehensive range of medical, dental and social services for our community.

As well as providing a variety of medical services, VAHS is committed to supporting the well-being of the community through contributions to community events and activities. VAHS is also committed to assisting research into the ongoing needs of the community.

# About the Opportunity

The role is responsible for providing leadership and co-ordination of all aspects of psychological care and therapeutic service delivery at Family Counselling Service. The Clinical Co-ordinator will work with a team of psychologists, social workers, general practitioners, family therapists and financial wellbeing, partners in recovery and drug and alcohol workers and is expected to use their clinical experience to support practitioners to deliver the highest standard of care in accordance with the FCS Clinical Governance Framework and VAHS policies, procedures and processes.

They will play a senior clinical and supervisory role in supporting the wellbeing and professional development of FCS practitioners, ensuring the highest quality psychological and therapeutic care for help-seeking community members, and developing and maintaining strong relationships and service delivery pathways with key stakeholders and external organisations.

In 2018, implementation of the new FCS Clinical Governance Framework involved creating new clinical risk management systems, across the service, a new needs assessment and short-term case management system and the employment of three Aboriginal psychologists. In 2019 the role of the Clinical Co-ordinator will be to consolidate these systems, in addition to focusing on extending psychological services to Fitzroy site.

# **Key Selection Criteria**

To be considered for this role you must have the following;

- Understanding of and commitment to the Aboriginal community
- At least 10 years' experience as a practitioner
- Holds Board approval as a Supervisor with the Psychology Board of Australia
- Expert knowledge of mental health disorders and experience and training in more than one therapeutic modality
- Excellent organization skills
- Ability to function independently as a senior psychologist
- Demonstrated experience providing clinical supervision to clinical staff and post-graduate students
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Highly developed verbal and written communication skills

- Well-developed time management skills
- A knowledge of basic computer software and medical scheduling systems
- Endorsement in the area of practice of Clinical Psychology
- Demonstrated appreciation of, and sensitivity to Aboriginal cultural values and conceptualisations of learning, development, and emotional and psychological well being
- High level of interpersonal skill and demonstrated ability to successfully engage with clients, their carers, extended family members, members of the general community and other involved professionals
- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- A professional standard of report writing, and verbal and written skills. Capacity to work under pressure and develop creative and flexible solutions to complex problems

### **Qualifications, Licenses and Registrations**

- Full registration under the Psychology Board of Australia
- Registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency (AHPRA)
- Approved doctoral level postgraduate training in clinical psychology
- Current Victorian driving license
- Current Working With Children check
- Current National police check

#### How to Apply

Applications can be submitted to:

Employment @vahs.org.au before Monday 5pm, 26th November 2018. Request for position description can be made via employment @vahs.org.au.