



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE

Position Title: Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Outreach Worker – North West
Location: Preston
Employment Status: Contract to 30 June 2021
Reports To: Team Leader – North West

About the Organisation

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) was established in 1973 to address the specific medical needs of Victorian Aboriginal 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.

VAHS is a child safe organisation.

About the Opportunity

The role of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Outreach Worker is to provide support and advocacy for Aboriginal people and their families in supporting access and treatment in relation to substance use. This will involve referral and support services for Aboriginal people who have alcohol and / or drug related problems. The Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Outreach Worker role seeks to support integrated treatment and care pathways for the highest need/ highest risk clients.

Key Selection Criteria

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

- Understanding of and Commitment to the Aboriginal community.
- Experience working with AOD and/or dual diagnosis clients including a willingness to participate in relevant training.
- Experience in dealing with complex clients with multiple and complex needs including provision of working with their families.
- Demonstrated experience in the provision of screening, assessment and support to people and their families with AOD issues.
- Demonstrated experience in providing high quality advice, education and support to clients and families.
- Demonstrated ability to develop collaborative and supportive relationships with clients, families, service providers and other relevant stakeholders.
- An understanding of the intergenerational loss, grief and trauma that is experienced by Aboriginal community members and the subsequent self-medication (AOD) issues that result.
- Proven ability to work with a range of people and organisations (including specific work groups such as Aboriginal, CALD and Forensic clients) in a collaborative and respectful manner.

Qualifications, Licenses and Registrations

- Certificate IV in AOD/Mental Health or equivalent/related discipline.
- Current Victorian driving license
- Current Working With Children check
- Current National Police check

How to Apply

Please send your application, with a cover letter, CV and responses to the selection criteria, via employment@vahs.org.au before Sunday 11pm, 9 August 2020.