



## VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE

Position Title: Aboriginal Health Worker – North West  
Location: Preston  
Employment Status: Contract to 30 June 2021  
Reports To: Teal 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 **Aboriginal Health Worker** role is to provide referral and support services for Aboriginal people (youth and adult) experiencing alcohol, drug, mental health, SEWB related problems. The role is also to provide information provision and to facilitate harm minimization concepts. As part of the a newly established team, the AHW Outreach Worker will actively facilitate opportunities for increased community engagement and networking (both Aboriginal community and mainstream service providers) in the Northern and Western catchment to support greater service access to health and wellbeing services by the Aboriginal community.

### Key Selection Criteria

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

- Understanding of and Commitment to the Aboriginal community.
- A demonstrated understanding of the issues associated with alcohol and drugs and their effects on the Aboriginal Community.
- A demonstrated appreciation of mental illness, its impact, client support needs and recovery strategies, such as trauma informed care.
- An understanding of services provided by other Aboriginal agencies local mental health and drug and alcohol services.
- A demonstrated ability to contribute to recovery support plans and provide appropriate continuing support.
- Previous experience providing social or mental health support services in and Aboriginal Community.
- Previous work in a dual diagnosis setting would be an advantage.
- Demonstrated skills in case management.
- The demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a multi skilled team.
- Good computer skills and an understanding of data collection
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and listening skills.

### Qualifications, Licenses and Registrations

- Aboriginal Health Work or AOD, Mental Health or Social Work or other related qualifications
- 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](mailto:employment@vahs.org.au) before Sunday 11pm, 9 August 2020.

*This position is not available to persons not of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent. (permitted under The Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 2010 s12 "A person may take a special measure for the purpose of promoting or realizing substantive equality for members of a group with a particular attribute")*