



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE

Position Title: Aboriginal Housing & Wellbeing Support Worker
Location: Preston
Employment Status: 12 months fixed term
Reports To: Family Counselling Services Manager

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 will work collaboratively with the three partners in the overall service response to provide health, housing, rehabilitation & recovery support to Aboriginal people with multiple needs who are homeless or at high risk of homelessness in the cities of Darebin and Whittlesea.

Key Selection Criteria

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

- A demonstrated understanding and knowledge of contemporary Aboriginal culture including the key issues affecting Aboriginal people and their families living in the community who are homeless/at risk of homelessness.
- Knowledge and experience of the broader health and mental health issues impacting on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
- Ability to communicate and engage in a culturally responsive manner with Aboriginal people and all relevant agencies
- A sound understanding of the issues surrounding homelessness and a commitment to working with people who are disadvantaged within the community.
- An ability to work sensitively and effectively with people who are homeless and in housing crisis
- An understanding of the specialist homelessness system in the northern metropolitan region including current forms of housing assistance
- Well-developed interpersonal communications, advocacy, negotiation and conflict management skills.
- Proven ability to work collaboratively within an interdisciplinary team and contribute to a positive team culture.
- Demonstrated communication skills especially in the areas of communicating plans, negotiating agreements, resolving conflict and following up arrangements.

Qualifications, Licenses and Registrations

- Relevant health and welfare related qualifications preferred
- 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 Sunday 9pm, 2 August 2020. Request for position description can be made via employment@vahs.org.au.