



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE

Position Title: Senior Psychologist
Location: Preston
Employment Status: 12-month contract
Reports To: Family Counselling 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 organization.

About the Opportunity

The Psychologist role is to identify, assess, treat and provide counselling to referred clients experiencing social problems, emotional problems, psychological problems and / or disruptions to their psychological and emotional wellbeing.

Key Selection Criteria

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

- An understanding of and commitment to the Aboriginal Community
- Broad range of experience as a Psychologist in Clinical settings working with adults
- Able to demonstrate experience in assessing and treating adults with complex mental health issues and histories of trauma
- Demonstrated familiarity with the Mental Health Act and a commitment to the principles of treatment for people with serious mental illness
- Demonstrated appreciation and understanding of, and sensitivity to Aboriginal cultural values and approaches to mental health and community conceptualizations of emotional and psychological well-being.
- Well-developed skills in the theory and application of a range of counselling and treatment orientations. Demonstrated understanding of a holistic approach to mental health
- High level of interpersonal skills 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

- Postgraduate degree in Psychology and holds a current registration with the Psychology Board as part of Australian Health Practitioners Registration Association (AHPRA)
- 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 11pm, 26 July 2020. Request for position description can be made via employment@vahs.org.au.