



**VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL  
HEALTH SERVICE**  
*Caring for the Community*

## Senior AOD Clinician - Aboriginal Metropolitan Ice Project (AMIP)

- Support individuals, families and communities affected by alcohol and drug issues
- Be part of the journey in changing people's lives
- Identified position

### 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 AMIP Senior AOD Clinician is to provide specialist culturally safe, confidential support to complex Aboriginal clients to overcome various identified Alcohol and Other Drug issues. Based on the harm minimisation approach, involving health promotion, education, developing and maintaining linkages, referrals, and counselling. The AMIP Senior AOD clinician works alongside the client for the duration of their individual treatment journey in collaboration with other support networks to provide client focused, measurable outcomes.

### Key Selection Criteria

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

- Hold strong understanding and commitment to Aboriginal communities and their needs.
- Proven ability to work effectively with Aboriginal people and families experiencing problematic substance use in a respectful, culturally safe, compassionate manner.
- Demonstrated understanding of community-based interventions for reducing alcohol and drug related harm.
- Extensive experience in the provision of assessment and counselling services with AOD or dual diagnosis clients.
- Proven ability to work with a range of people and organisations (including forensic, and dual diagnosis clients) in a non-judgmental and respectful manner.
- A demonstrated commitment to teamwork and the ability to take appropriate individual and team responsibility for the welfare of clients.
- Demonstrated experience clinically supervising and educating less experienced staff around substance misuse

### How to Apply

Please forward your covering letter (addressing the key selection criteria) and resume to [Employment@vahs.org.au](mailto:Employment@vahs.org.au) before Monday 9pm, 18 April 2022.

*Please note: You will need to be vaccinated against Covid 19 and be prepared to undergo a police background check as part of the recruitment process.*

***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")***