



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

Mental Health Clinician (Psychologist or Social Worker)

- Unique opportunity for an experienced professional
- Be challenged daily with complex cases
- Part – Time (.6 FTE)

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, committed to child safety and wellbeing, and recruits' staff in accordance with the Child Safe Standards Victoria.

About the Opportunity

The Mental Health Clinician 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.

- Understanding of and Commitment to the Aboriginal community
- Tertiary qualifications and experience in Social Work or Psychology
- Registration with the Psychology Board as part of Australian Health Practitioners Registration Association (AHPRA) or the AASW.
- Broad range of experience as a Counsellor/ Therapist in Clinical settings working with adults
- Demonstrated 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 conceptualisations 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
- Fully approved Covid 19 Vaccinations (including booster)

How to Apply

Please forward your covering letter addressing the key requirements of the role and resume to Employment@vahs.org.au before Sunday 9pm, 14 August 2022.