



Tackling Indigenous Smoking Pregnancy Officer

- Encourage people to make healthy choices for a healthy lifestyle
- Deliver smoking cessation and support programs to Aboriginal community, with a particular emphasis on pregnant women

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

With guidance from the Preventative Health Manager, the position will work as part of the National Tackling Indigenous Smoking programme to implement local health promotion activities e.g. community events, implementation of supporting creation of smoke-free homes and workplaces and community events, sharing information about smoking cessation, to increase community understanding of the dangers of smoking, benefits of cessation and benefits of smoke-free environments. This position will also be supporting and engaging with students outside program delivery to empower and create pathways for appropriate services.

The position is located at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) to ensure ongoing community ownership in closing the health gap in the region.

Key Selection Criteria

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

- Certificate IV or higher in Community Development, Population Health or related field or the commitment and ability to undertake training in relevant qualification.
- Demonstrated experience in health promotion, experience in smoking cessation and / or Aboriginal Health particular in Maternity health.
- Demonstrated project Management, negotiation, time management.
- Demonstrated ability to plan and prioritise across multiple tasks
- Must be available to work on weekends
- Demonstrated ability to work and communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities and their leaders, respecting traditional culture, values and ways of doing business. This also includes face to face, online and social marketing community engagement.
- Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with a range of organisations and health professionals
- Demonstrated ability develop, deliver, evaluate and report on projects and programs
- Strong interpersonal, written and oral communication skills which may include public speaking

- The demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a multi skilled team.
- Demonstrated high level of energy, enthusiasm, reliability, resilience and flexibility
- 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.