



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

Better Health Healing Worker

- Identified position
- Rewarding opportunity to make a real difference
- Full time, fixed term opportunity for 2 years

About the Organisation

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) was established in 1973 to address the specific medical needs of Victorian Aboriginal communities. 2023 marks as a landmark year as VAHS proudly celebrate it's 50-year of providing 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 primary function of the **Better Health Healing Worker** is to provide high quality assessment and counselling services and contribute to the development of models of holistic health incorporating continuity of care.

The Better Health Healing Worker will work across all VAHS sites as required but be predominantly based at Fitzroy and will aim to improve the safety and mental health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through the provision of comprehensive and culturally safe healing.

Key Selection Criteria

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

- An understanding of the impacts and prevalence of family violence in our community and a preparedness to work with women and their children to enhance safety and support affected persons to heal from those impacts.
- Sound knowledge of the health issues which influence the social emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and a strong commitment to improving mental health and wellbeing outcomes
- Demonstrated ability to work with other services, including child protection, police, and other statutory bodies.
- A demonstrated ability to communicate and engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Well-developed and effective verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated skill working as a member of a multidisciplinary team
- Demonstrated ability to meet targets and performance outcomes
- Fully approved Covid 19 Vaccinations (including booster)

How to Apply

You will need a resume and a tailored cover letter outlining your skills, experience, and suitability for the role. Please forward your application to Employment@vahs.org.au before Wednesday 9pm, 12 October 2022

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").