



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

Psychiatrist | Koori Kids

- Great opportunity to work with children and their families
- Be part of a collaborative and supportive multi-disciplinary team
- 0.2 FTE – Part-time position

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

Key Selection Criteria

The prospective Koori Kids Psychiatrist will ideally:

- Hold a post-graduate degree in Psychiatry and current registration as a psychiatrist with the Psychiatric Board of Australia.
- Demonstrate an understanding of and sensitivity to Aboriginal cultural values and approaches to mental health and community conceptualisations of emotional and psychiatric wellbeing.
- Have high level of interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to effectively engage with Aboriginal children, young people, their carers, extended family members, and involved professionals.
- Have a good understanding of child development.
- Have a broad range of experience working as a psychologist with children, adolescents, and families.
- Hold well-developed skills in the theory and application of a range of counselling and therapy approaches to support children, adolescents, and their carers. This includes an understanding of attachment theory and trauma-informed therapeutic modalities.
- Be experienced in undertaking psychiatric assessments and producing psychiatric reports in a timely manner.
- Be able to work under pressure and develop creative and flexible solutions to complex problems.
- Demonstrate familiarity with the relevant legislation including the Children, Youth and Families
- Must have had a Covid-19 Vaccination Booster (3rd dose) prior to commencement

How to Apply

Please forward your covering letter (addressing the key selection criteria) and resume to Employment@vahs.org.au before Wednesday 9pm, 12 October 2022.