



Alcohol and Drugs Outreach Worker

- Be part of the journey in changing people's lives
- Opportunity to use your specialist skills & provide meaningful work with AOD clients.

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 role of the Alcohol and Drugs Outreach Worker 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 Outreach Worker 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.

- Understanding of and Commitment to the Aboriginal community.
- Minimum Cert IV in AOD and minimum 3 years' experience in the sector.
- 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.
- Fully approved Covid 19 Vaccinations (including booster)

How to Apply

Please forward your covering letter (addressing the key selection criteria) and resume to employment@vahs.org.au before Sunday 9pm, 24 September 2023.

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")