

Community Health Promotion Officer

(Tackling Indigenous Smoking)

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position
- A supportive workplace that will help you to develop your skills further
- Not for profit Salary Packaging available

About the Organisation

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) was established in 1973 to address the specific medical needs of Victorian Aboriginal communities. 2023 marked a landmark year as VAHS proudly celebrated its 50-year of providing a comprehensive range of medical, dental, allied health 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 Preventative Health Team to implement local health promotion activities particularly around Anti-Tobacco and Vaping. Some activities will include working with Koorie Maternity Services across Victoria to implement the Tackling Indigenous Smoking program, facilitating School/youth programs, supporting in creating smoke-free homes and workplaces, attending community events to promote The Koori Way campaign, sharing information about smoking cessation, to increase community understanding of the dangers of smoking, benefits of cessation and benefits of smoke-free environments.

The position will be employed by the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS), primarily located at the Preston office.

Key responsibilities

- Delivery of regional smoking and vaping prevention activities and promote tobacco and vaping cessation. Strong focus will be towards delivery of programs and health promotion activities towards First Nation Pregnant Women.
- Deliver smoking cessation and support programs, appropriate to the worker's qualification level, to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, and refer people to other health programs as appropriate.
- Delivery of local community events
- Collect data to assist in the evaluation
- Promote and support smoke-free and vape free workplaces, homes and local events

- Deliver Continuous Community engagement and provide empowering strategies and pathways
- Promote the Victorian Statewide Campaign “The Koori Way” through community events, community engagement, social marketing and social media.

How to Apply

Please send your application, which must include a cover letter, resume and responses to the selection criteria, via employment@vahs.org.au before Wednesday 9pm, 1 January 2025.