



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

Therapeutic Family Violence Practitioner

- For this position, preference may be given to persons of **Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent** (as 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”).
- A supportive workplace that will help you to develop your skills further
- Not for profit Salary Packaging available
- 0.8 FTE, Part Time
- Based in Preston and Sunshine

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

The role of the Therapeutic Practitioner is to develop and provide comprehensive therapeutic intervention services to individuals and families who are affected by a range of presenting issue post family violence.

Key responsibilities

The role involves conducting comprehensive intake, risk assessments, and safety planning, as well as providing evidence-based short to medium-term counseling for family violence victim survivors, including children, young people, and adults. Responsibilities include facilitating trauma-informed therapeutic groups, offering brief case management, and maintaining a caseload with individual and family therapeutic work, including case documentation and reporting. Collaboration with partner organizations, staying informed about policies, and contributing to service improvements are key aspects. The role also involves creating culturally appropriate plans with relevant agencies and engaging in regular supervision and reflective practice.

Prerequisites

Essential:

- Skills and experience relevant to Recommendation 209 requirements.
- Tertiary Qualifications in Social Work, Psychology, Counselling, or other relevant Human Services qualification and/or experience.

Desirable:

- Post Graduate qualification or working towards one in counselling/therapy.
- Previous experience in Child and Family Services, Family Violence Services not for profit, or community services sector at a practitioner level.
- Knowledge and experience of providing therapeutic support (individual/dyadic/family) and group facilitation.

How to Apply

Please send your application, which must include a cover letter and curriculum vitae, via employment@vahs.org.au before Sunday 9pm, 23 March 2025.