



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL
HEALTH SERVICE
Caring for the Community

Social Emotional Wellbeing Worker - Preston

- 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

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 program operates within a clinical and cultural model of care that delivers mental health and wellbeing services to Aboriginal Adults.

The role of the Outreach Worker is to provide specialist culturally safe, confidential support to complex Aboriginal clients to overcome various identified mental health issues. Based on Social and Emotional Wellbeing approach, involving services offered by the Balit Djerring Team that promote health, education, developing and maintaining linkages, referrals, and support internal and external to VAHS to provide client focused, measurable outcomes.

Key responsibilities

- **Alcohol and Drug Support:** Provide culturally appropriate assessment, treatment, and support to individuals dealing with alcohol and drug-related issues, including developing harm minimization recovery plans, liaising with VAHS staff, referring to external services, and advocating for clients during hospital admissions, treatment, and discharge planning.
- **Community Outreach and Daily Living Support:** Assist mental health clients, whether in supported accommodation or living independently, by helping them develop everyday life skills such as budgeting, shopping, and hygiene; connecting them to community programs and services; supporting them in maintaining treatment and attending appointments; and promoting social inclusion and emotional wellbeing.
- **Collaborative Client Care and Case Management:** Work closely with Aboriginal Health Workers, clinicians, and the broader care team by participating in case planning and reviews, maintaining accurate records and case notes, contributing to client files, and collecting data for reporting and accountability purposes.
- **Administrative, Networking, and General Responsibilities:** Maintain detailed records of client interactions and service delivery, attend regular supervision and staff meetings, contribute to

statistics and reports, promote VAHS services through networking with community partners, and perform other relevant duties that support the overall mission and operations of the organization.

- **Professional Conduct and Compliance:** Uphold VAHS standards and values by working within relevant legislation, policies, and professional codes; participating in training and continuous improvement activities; ensuring a safe and respectful work environment; reporting incidents as required; and demonstrating a commitment to the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community.

Prerequisites

- Cert 3 in Community Services or other relevant tertiary qualifications highly regarded
- A current National Police Check
- A current Victorian Working with Children Check
- A current Victorian Driver's License

How to Apply

Please forward your cover letter and resume to Employment@vahs.org.au before Sunday 9pm, 18 May 2025.