

Child Psychiatrist

- 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 and enter the workforce
- Not for profit Salary Packaging available
- Part time (0.2) 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 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 wellbeing 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 Child Psychiatrist is part of the VAHS Koori Kids and Young People Team within the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Service.

The Koori Kids and Young People program aims to deliver culturally responsive mental health and wellbeing services for Aboriginal children and young people (age 0 to 25) and support their families and caregivers.

The Child Psychiatrist works within a culturally responsive, trauma-informed and strengths-based framework and ensures the delivery of high-quality, evidence-based psychiatric care. The Child Psychiatrist provides early intervention, comprehensive mental health assessment and follow-up mental health treatment for Aboriginal children and youth experiencing mental health, and social and emotional wellbeing challenges.

The Child Psychiatrist works closely alongside and collaboratively with Aboriginal Health Workers.

Key responsibilities

- Work collaboratively and effectively within a multi-skilled team (including Aboriginal health workers), other professionals and with families to deliver high quality, culturally safe, holistic mental health care to Aboriginal children and youth.
- Offer mental health assessment, treatment and intervention for Aboriginal children and youth with input from Aboriginal Health Workers. This includes ensuring that the Aboriginal

Health Worker's interpretation of family and cultural information is utilized in all clinical assessments to ensure cultural and clinical integrity.

- Provide supervision to a part-time psychiatry registrar position and contribute to their training in child psychiatry.
- Participate in Koori Kids team meeting and engage in secondary consultation to the team as need.
- Maintain accurate, up to date and timely documentation (including case notes) for all clients using the client record management system MMeX.
- Provide mental health services under Medicare and ensure billing is completed.

Prerequisites

- Qualification and current AHPRA registration as medical practitioner.
- Victorian Working with Children's Check
- National Police Check

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 Sunday 9pm, 30 November 2025.