



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL  
HEALTH SERVICE

*Caring for the Community*

## Therapeutic Counsellor | generalist & gambling counselling 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 marks as a landmark year as VAHS proudly celebrate it's 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 well-being, and recruits staff in accordance with the Child Safe Standards Victoria.

### About the Opportunity

The role of the **Therapeutic Counsellor** is to assist develop and provide -therapeutic intervention services to individuals and families who are affected by a range of presenting issues inclusive of clients adversely affected by gambling behaviours.

The **Therapeutic Counsellor** sits within **VAHS Financial Wellbeing Team** to provide comprehensive counselling and services aimed at building capacity and Community awareness of gambling harm and associated issues.

### Key Selection Criteria

#### Qualifications & Experience

- Qualifications in Social Work, Psychology or other relevant counselling qualification or experience *i.e mental health, AOD*. Or applicant completing studies towards tertiary qualifications.
- **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.**

#### Essential

- An understanding of and commitment to the Aboriginal community.
- Understanding of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and the issues facing these organisations
- Genuine interest in developing services for individuals & families adversely affected by gambling behaviours.
- Understanding, experience and skills in mental health and social, and emotional well-being issues including substance misuse
- Experience or interest in planning and facilitating evidence-based informed therapeutic individual and group programs.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and listening skills
- Good computer skills and an understanding of data collection
- The demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a multi-skilled team.

### How to Apply

You will need a resume and a cover letter outlining your skills, experience, and suitability for the role. Please forward your application to [Employment@vahs.org.au](mailto:Employment@vahs.org.au) before Tuesday 5pm, 15 August 2023