

Aboriginal SEWB Outreach Worker (x2)

- Part-time, 3 days p/week
- Contract until 30 June 2025 - extension likely, in line with program funding
- Rewarding and challenging role!

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 Flexi MH project will involve comprehensive assessment, care coordination and follow up treatment, through culturally safe and appropriate support services, for Aboriginal Adults experiencing mental health concerns. This will also involve building stronger relationships with mainstream services to provide Adults better access to acute or inpatient care when needed, and improved transition between services in order to support the person's recovery within the community. The position requires utilising an assertive outreach approach to build on partnerships with services in the NWMPHN Catchment area and to identify and engage with Adults who have been unable to access support.

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 Selection Criteria

To be considered, you must demonstrate the following:

Cultural Understanding:

- Proven understanding of and commitment to the concepts and philosophy of Aboriginal Social and Emotional Well-being
- Knowledge of Aboriginal history, colonisation practices and the impacts of Intergenerational Trauma amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations

Clinical Skills and Knowledge:

- Demonstrated commitment to and demonstrated ability to network and collaborate with services across the local community mental health network, mainstream health services, and mental health services.

Organisational Skills:

- Good organization, time management and data collection skills
- Ability to follow organizational and occupational health and safety regulations.

Teamwork:

- Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a trans-disciplinary team.
- Promote and support reciprocal ways of working i.e., sharing skills and knowledge with Balit Djerring Team members in clinical and therapeutic settings.

Conditions of Employment

- A current National Police Check
- A current Victorian Working with Children Check
- A current Victorian Driver's License
- Must have had a Covid-19 Vaccination Booster (3rd dose) prior to commencement.

How to Apply

Please forward your covering letter (addressing the key selection criteria) and resume to Employment@vahs.org.au before Sunday 9pm, 17 March 2024.

This position is not available to persons not of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. (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")