



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

## **Therapeutic Family Violence Practitioner**

- 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 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.

### **Key Selection Criteria**

To be considered for this role you must have the following:

- The capability and engagement to understand the philosophy and principles of Aboriginal Community Control and transforming it into practice.
- Knowledge and understanding of trauma, child development and family dynamics.
- Knowledge of information sharing in the context of family violence provisions and the child information sharing scheme, aligning with the MARAM Framework
- Ability to conduct comprehensive screening and risk assessments and risk planning for family violence victim survivors.
- Experience with planning and leading evidence-based therapeutic programs for individuals and groups.

- Skills and experience relevant to Recommendation 209 requirements.
- Tertiary Qualifications in Social Work, Psychology, Counselling, or other relevant
- Human Services qualification and/or experience.
- Demonstrated commitment to Health, Safety and Wellbeing of self and others and
- Child Safety

### **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](mailto:employment@vahs.org.au) before Wednesday 9pm, 1 January 2025.