Program Name Orange Door

Location Inner East – Box Hill

Positon Title Advanced Family Violence Practice Leader – Men’s

Award and Classification SCHADS Level 8

Engagement Details Permanent

Hours 76 per fortnight

Reports to Program Manager, Orange Door

Direct Reports None

**Overview of the Program**

The Victorian Government has committed to implementing all 227 recommendations of the Royal Commission into Family Violence and to delivering on the vision described in Roadmap for Reform: Strong families, Safe children.

A key recommendation of the Royal Commission and the Roadmap for Reform was to establish a network of Support and Safety Hubs (‘Hubs’) across Victoria to provide a new way for women, children and young people experiencing family violence, and families who need assistance with the care and wellbeing of children to access the services they need to be safe and supported. These Hubs are known as The Orange Door.

The Orange Door is also intended to hold perpetrators to account by planning interventions to address the risk they pose and challenging their controlling, violent and abusive behaviour.

The Orange Door keeps the whole family in view and provides a more visible contact point to access family violence services, family services and perpetrators/men’s services, with expert support tailored to each family member’s needs.

Given the phased approach to implementing The Orange Doors and the evolving nature of the design process, certain elements of the service model may change over time. The role and operations of The Orange Door will not be static or fixed at one point in time. Just as the practice of the Orange Door will be informed by emerging needs and evidence, and firmly embedded with the principle of continuous improvement, the design and implementation of The Orange Door will continue to develop and be informed by community needs, co-design, evaluation, and practice learnings. Future development of the service model will continue to be set at the state-wide level, informed by local practice and experience.

**Role of the Orange Door**

The Orange Door delivers a fundamental change to the way we work with women, children and families, and men. The role of The Orange Door is to provide:

* a more visible contact point so that people know where to go for specialist support;
* help for people to identify family violence and child and family safety and wellbeing issues;
* advice based on contemporary risk assessment tools and guidance and best available information;
* specialist support and tailored advice for victims, families and children, young people and perpetrators;
* a strong focus on perpetrator accountability;
* connection and coordination of access to support;
* an approach across the spectrum of prevention, early intervention and response;
* a system-wide view of service capacity, client experience and outcomes;
* The Orange Door supports the agency of women, children, young people and families, to ensure that the services they receive meet their needs and their goals.

**The Orange Door Team**

Orange Doors brings together different workforces and practices to create an integrated Orange Door team and a consolidated intake point in each Orange Door area to create a new way of support for:

* women, children, young people and families experiencing family violence;
* perpetrators of family violence;
* families in need of support with the care, development and well-being of infants, children and young people.

This is achieved by drawing on the expertise of CSOs, Aboriginal services, DFFH, and bringing together workers from organisations that currently:

* receive police referrals for women who are victims of family violence;
* receive police referrals for perpetrators of family violence (known as ‘Enhanced Intake Services’);
* receive child wellbeing referrals;
* provide the Child FIRST service;
* deliver other relevant services as appropriate, such as those delivered by Aboriginal services.

The Orange Door team includes a mix of staff employed by Family Safety Victoria (FSV) and staff employed by CSOs, Aboriginal services and DFFH. For each launch site the size of the team will vary to reflect the local needs.

**Position Summary**

The Advanced Family Violence Practice Leader (Men’s) is a practice leadership position in each Support and Safety Hub (The Orange Door).

The safety of victims of family violence is a paramount concern for The Orange Door which aims to improve victim safety by holding perpetrators of family violence to account for their actions.

The Orange Door works to keep perpetrators accountable by supporting them to take personal responsibility and to choose to end their violent behaviours and attitudes. It also has an important role in understanding and monitoring perpetrator risk to inform safety planning for victims and families.

The Orange Door recognises that while not all perpetrators of family violence are men, the majority of family violence is gendered and perpetrated by men against women.

Auspiced by Anglicare Victoria within The Orange Door network, the Advanced Family Violence Practice Leader (Men’s) will work in close partnership with the Hub Manager, other practice leaders and team leaders to lead family violence practice in The Orange Door and support secondary consultations with internal and external service providers.

The Advanced Family Violence Practice Leader (Men’s) is responsible for providing practice leadership on risk assessment, risk management and planning for family violence and providing expert advice to the Orange Door workforce in relation to complex family violence cases and perpetrator interventions. The Advanced Family Violence Practice Leader (Men’s) will proactively build specialist evidence-based family violence knowledge and capability across the Orange Door workforce in line with the Orange Door Service Model and Integrated Practice Framework.

**Position Specific Responsibilities**

The key responsibilities of the role will be:

* Leading and supporting family violence practice by:
  + Providing specialist secondary case consultation and technical input on complex family violence cases and perpetrator interventions;
  + Providing specialist family violence expertise to the process of intake and assessment of responses to children’s safety and wellbeing;
  + Co-working and providing daily specialist family violence support (as requested and required) for team leaders;
  + Where appropriate, jointly managing a small caseload of complex and/or sensitive family violence cases;
  + Working with Orange Door practice leaders, team leaders, and Hub practitioners where appropriate, to identify and resolve practice issues as they arise, especially where there are issues about family violence cases;
  + Supporting practitioners to understand the tactics of coercion, power and control used by perpetrators of family violence and to apply strategies to hold perpetrators to account;
  + With autonomy and accountability in supporting specialist family violence practice.
* Prioritising and approving Central Information Point (CIP) requests.
* Prioritising and approving referrals to the Risk Assessment and Management Panel (RAMPs).
* Leading, mentoring and developing hub practitioners and team leaders in family violence practice by:
  + Building capability to deliver specialist family violence responses to victim survivors, children and families and perpetrators, informed by client experience and in line with the Integrated Practice Framework and relevant legislative frameworks (including the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 and Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005);
  + Supporting practitioners to engage effectively with those accessing services, identify and assess family violence risk, manage risk and prioritise safety and provide effective services;
  + Ensuring Orange Door practitioners are up to date with any developments in the evidence or practice of family violence risk assessment, risk management and planning and perpetrator interventions;
  + Providing practitioners with relevant information, resources and tools, to support safe and effective family violence responses as part of an integrated practice approach;
  + Modelling and supporting culturally safe, inclusive and responsive family violence practice;
  + Modelling integrated practice approaches and behaviours integral to ethical clinical practice, including accountability and responsibility for decision making;
  + Supporting professional development of practitioners in partnership with other practice leaders, Family Safety Victoria, CSOs, DHHS, Aboriginal services and other local workforce and training planning initiatives;
  + Contributing to reflective practice for The Orange Door team in particular in relation to family violence knowledge and expertise.
* Liaising with and providing specialist or secondary consultation to organisations and services within The Orange Door network in order to discuss direct service issues and ensure ongoing safety of victim survivors.
* Working collaboratively with the RAMP coordinators to support multi-agency responses to people referred for RAMP in The Orange Door network.
* Supporting system and service improvement by:
  + Implementing systems and procedures to guide and improve specialist family violence practice, including risk assessment, risk management and planning;
  + Working in partnership with the Centre Manager, team leaders, and other CSO Managers where appropriate, to foster high quality service;
  + Fostering and facilitating family violence practice innovation;
  + Providing sound judgement and authoritative advice on risks, priorities, practice issues and opportunities for service improvements to The Orange Door team, and where relevant the Hub Manager and/or relevant Orange Door governance groups;
  + Participating in the monitoring and delivery of projects to respond to local specialist family violence practice needs, ensuring they are delivered in accordance with relevant legislation and government regulations and guidelines.
* Building and maintaining positive relationships with key internal and external stakeholders to facilitate a partnership and integrated practice approach.
* Managing stakeholders through effective negotiation and influence and harnessing this network to support clients and ensure effective Orange Door operations.
* Keep accurate and complete records of your work activities in accordance with legislative requirements and the Victorian Government’s records, information security and privacy policies and requirements.
* Take reasonable care for your own health and safety and for that of others in the workplace by working in accordance with legislative requirements and occupational health and safety (OHS) policies and procedures.

**Occupational Health & Safety Responsibilities**

Anglicare Victoria is committed to ensuring the health and safety of its employees and any other individuals present in our workplaces.

All Anglicare Victoria employees, contractors and volunteers are required to:

* take reasonable care for their own health and safety and for that of others in the workplace by working in accordance with legislative requirements and the company’s OHS policies and procedures;
* take reasonable care their actions or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of themselves and others;
* cooperate with any reasonable directions, policies and procedures relating to health and safety in the workplace;
* report all injuries, illness or ‘near misses’ to their Supervisor or Manager;
* participate in relevant health and safety training and inductions based on roles and responsibilities;
* as required, participate in the development and implementation of specific OHS hazard and risk management strategies.

**Key Selection Criteria**

**Qualifications**

* Professional experience and relevant qualification(s) in social work, welfare, psychology or a related discipline is essential.
* Additional qualifications and/or significant experience in Family Violence is also essential.

**Knowledge and skills**

* Ability to both manage and drive change to create and maintain effective and collaborative working relationships in an Integrated practice model;
* Ability to lead advocate for and promote best practice in a specialist family violence service;
* Ability to understand the gendered nature of family violence, the drivers and causes of family violence and how to work specifically with Men and/or perpetrators of family violence in a community or justice setting;
* Excellent communication skills and ability to manage both internal and external stakeholders at all levels;
* Ability to self-reflect, take on board feedback and use opportunities of supervision to improve one’s own practice and leadership;
* A strong knowledge and understanding of the drivers/causes of family violence and child and family vulnerability and an ability to identify external trends and factors and use knowledge of the field of family violence to anticipate required service improvements.

**Personal Qualities**

* Initiative and accountability: proactive and self-starting, seizes opportunities and acts upon them, takes responsibility for own actions;
* Drive and commitment: leads with best practice and sets a high standard, motivated and positive approach to new challenges;
* Teamwork and collaboration: supports and promotes a positive team culture of collaboration and respect;
* Resilience: the ability to maintain best practice while working under challenging circumstances such as working with those exposed to significant trauma.

**Employment Screening and Required Certificates**

Safety screening is conducted by Anglicare Victoria for all preferred applicants. Safety screening must be satisfied before formal offers of employment can be made and must be kept up to date to ensure ongoing employment. These include but are not limited to:

* Full Victorian Drivers Licence.
* An Australian Criminal History Check.
* An International Criminal History Check for those who have lived outside of Australia for longer than 12 months in the last 10 years.
* A Current Employee Working with Children Check or willingness to undertake application.

**Conditions of Employment**

Salary and conditions are in accordance with the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award (SCHADS) 2010. Salary packaging is offered with this position.

All offers of employment at Anglicare Victoria are subject to a six month probationary period. The staff member will be asked to participate in an annual performance review linked to objectives set out for the position.

All offers of employment are subject to satisfactory screening including but not limited to, a Criminal History Check, a current Driver’s License and an Employment Working with Children Check prior to commencement.

The responsibilities stated reflect the primary functions of the position and should not be viewed as an exhausted list of duties as these may change from time to time to reflect the needs of clients and the service but will remain at the same level of responsibility.

**Acceptance of Position Description Requirements**

To be signed upon appointment.

I have read and understand the position as detailed.

Name:

Signature:

Date: