

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**Position** Aboriginal Orange Door Hub **Position Number** 

Practitioner

**Reports to** The Orange Door Team Leader **Direct Reports** N/A

Status ongoing Time Fraction Full Time

**Award** SCHADS Level 5 **Location** SMA - Dandenong

# **OUR VISION**

Aboriginal self-determination – Live, Experience and Be.

#### **OUR PURPOSE**

Supporting culturally strong, safe and thriving Aboriginal communities.

#### **POSITION SUMMARY**

This role is responsible for referral intake, completing assessments and responding to immediate needs for Aboriginal clients seeking support through the Orange Door Hub. The Hub consists of a team of multidisciplinary practitioners to deliver high quality, safe and effective responses to Aboriginal women, children, men and families seeking support and safety through the Hub. This role will provide short term support and refer clients to agencies for further supports where this is identified as a need.

## **KEY RELATIONSHIPS**

#### Internal:

All Southern VACCA teams including VACCA staff and services within the Hub, Continuous Quality Improvement; Client Practice Management Team; broader VACCA support services

External:

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Partnering agencies within the Hub (including DFFH, FSV, CP), health professionals, schools, other Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs), other Community Service organisations

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# **KEY SELECTION CRITERIA**

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#### **ESSENTIAL**

- Demonstrated commitment and understanding for the values that underpin VACCA' vision and purpose
- Demonstrated knowledge of the Family Violence and Child Protection sectors and experience in working and engaging with Aboriginal families and children
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience with intake processes and comprehensive assessments to determine needs for clients and able to formulate interventions to respond to the needs.
- Proven skills in case management, including ability to identify goals and create a care plan, as well as experience to respond crisis situations effectively.
- Proficient in the preparation of accurate documents and reports in a timely manner
- Strong ability to have clear, culturally appropriate, and respectful communication skills with individuals, families, and professionals
- Demonstrated experience in Child Wellbeing assessments and Family violence risk assessments with a knowledge of, or willingness to learn, the Best Interest Case Practice Model and the Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Management (MARAM) Framework and the ability to put a cultural lens over these frameworks.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- A degree in social work (or equivalent) or willingness to work toward the qualification in line with the mandatory minimum qualifications policy or significant lived experience relevant to the work
- Minimum two years' experience in Family Violence sector
- Where a degree is commenced but not completed, salary will be fixed at Award Level 4 until successful completion

## REQUIREMENTS

- You must have and continue to hold a full Victorian Driver's Licence and a current employment working with children check card and clear police check.

# POSITION ACCOUNTABILITIES

#### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

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- Completing short term case management, including crisis response to Aboriginal clients seeking support in the SMA Orange Door Hub.

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- Completing intake processes, MARAM and assessing needs as well as formulating care plans for supports needed.
- Engaging respectfully and appropriately with Aboriginal clients.
- Completing all reporting requirements, such as case notes, assessments, closure reports, incident reports and all other reported as required.
- Building the cultural safety of the Hub and supporting choice and self-determination of Aboriginal people
- Supporting the Hub Team through consultation, education and outreach to ensuring that their work with Aboriginal families is culturally responsive.
- Liaising with and providing specialist or secondary consultation to organisations and services within the Hub network in order to discuss direct service issues for Aboriginal people accessing services through the Hub.
- Ensuring that all client files on CRM are up to date.

#### RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT

- Proactively participating in scheduled supervision and reflective discussion with team leader.
- Work in a collaborative manner within the multi-disciplinary and multi-agency hub and proactively engaging in learnings to continuously improve practice.

## HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING

- Ensure compliance with the OH&S Act and VACCA policies.
- Contribute positively and proactively to team and organisation wide OH&S activities.

# **QUALITY & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

- Ensure compliance with legislation, contract and policy requirements in your day to day work to meet the organisation's audit, contract and registration obligations.
- Proactively apply your specialist knowledge in the review and maintenance of policies, systems and processes.
- Continue the development of a culturally strong and positive working environment using a continuous improvement approach.

We are committed to Aboriginal self-determination and supporting strong, safe, thriving Aboriginal communities and aim to ensure every individual is treated with dignity, honouring all cultural backgrounds, abilities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and spiritual beliefs.

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VACCA is a child-safe organisation and is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and young people with zero tolerance for child abuse. All successful applicants will be required to undertake a National Police Record Check and Working with Children Check prior to commencement of employment and periodically following commencement.

VACCA is an equal opportunity employer and has a smoke-free workplace policy.

This position is designated under the Multiagency Risk Assessment and Management framework (MARAM) Comprehensive (Tier 1) level which requires mandated MARAM Family Violence Comprehensive Risk Assessment training and responsibilities.

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