



Position Description

Social and Emotional Wellbeing Psychologist



POSITION TITLE

GWAHS Social and Emotional Wellbeing Psychologist Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service

LOCATION

2 Palmerston Rd, Mt Druitt or other GWAHS locations as required.

This position reports to: Jim Porter team leader Social and Emotional Wellbeing Team
This position is part of the GWAHS Social and Emotional Wellbeing Team

Mandatory compliance requirements of the position:

1. AHPRA registration as a Psychologist.
2. National Criminal Record Check
3. Working with Children Check
4. Immunisation Record; including evidence of Health Worker Vaccinations (DTP, Hep B, MMR, Varicella, Annual Influenza, COVID-19)

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS ROLE

Key Duties

- Assessing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients behaviour and social and emotional wellbeing needs within a counselling service model to support them to overcome a range of problems including: depression, addiction, anxiety, challenging behaviour, neurological disorders, mental ill health, and learning disorders.
- Assessing GWAHS SEWB clients behaviour and needs via observation, interviews and psychometric tests.
 - Developing, administering and monitoring appropriate treatment therapies for GWAHS SEWB clients.
 - Recording information and data in relation to relevant GWAHS SEWB client interactions on appropriate computer software programs to ensure adherence to WACHS/GWAHS policies, AHPRA and best practice standards.
 - Recording all GWAHS SEWB client counselling sessions within the Medicare billing system.
 - Checking that all GWAHS SEWB clients booked for counselling have appropriate referrals including up to date GP Mental Health Care Plans.
 - Making referrals and providing information as required to other clinical professionals such as doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, as well as to community mental health and drug and alcohol services.
 - Attendance at relevant meetings and/or training as required.
 - Maintenance of yearly AHPRA registration.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Essential Criteria

- AHPRA registration as a Psychologist.
- Demonstrated understanding of the social and emotional wellbeing issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people especially in relation to family violence, complex trauma, alcohol and other drug use.
- Ability and experience in using a variety of evidence based psychological approaches and interventions to provide therapeutic counselling support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients of GWAHS to improve their social and emotional wellbeing.
- Ability to write psychological treatment plans, reports and referrals for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients of GWAHS.
- Demonstrated ability to liaise and provide joint treatment support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients with a range of clinical health professionals, including doctors, Psychiatrists, Registered Nurses and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers.
- Ability and experience in working with a range of community mental health professionals and support services.
- Ability to use the Medicare billing system for recording client treatment interactions.
- Proficiency in record keeping and data management using a variety of computer software applications to ensure case notes and records are maintained in accordance with WACHS/GWAHS policies, AHPRA and best practice standards.
- Capacity to work independently and as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
- Excellent interpersonal skills including written and oral skills.

Desirable Criteria

- Effective conflict management skills and stress management skills.
- Aboriginality.
- Drivers Licence

WHO WE ARE

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) aims to empower targeted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to take control of their individual, family and community health and wellbeing needs through the community-controlled model. Our main services are located in Wellington, Dubbo, Moree, Western Sydney, Penrith, Nepean Blue Mountains, and we provide outreach services to other towns and communities through our regional programs

We are an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service offering Primary Health Care Services and an Integrated Care program, as well as a number of specialist clinical staff and AHW's, a Specialist Programs Unit incorporating Social & Emotional Wellbeing, Child & Family Support, Drug & Alcohol, Aboriginal Family Health, Aboriginal Local Support, a Healthy for Life (H4L) Program, Maternal & Child Health Worker, Aboriginal Health Workers, Youth Health Worker and Dietitian targeting Maternal & Child Health and Chronic Diseases, regional programs including Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program, Aboriginal Children's Therapy Team, Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program. Our staff are supported by an Executive Management Team located across our service areas.

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