

## SPECIALIST CHILDREN'S PRACTITIONER POSITION DESCRIPTION

| Job title        | Specialist Children's Practitioner   |  |  |
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| Salary           |  |  |  |
|                  | Level 5 or negotiable depending on qualifications and experience   |  |  |
| Location         | Mildura  |  |  |
| Department       | Therapeutic Services   |  |  |
| Report to        | Manager, Programs  |  |  |
| Award            | Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Award 2010 (to be   |  |  |
|                  | negotiated)  |  |  |
| Job Summary      | The Specialist Children's Practitioner will provide specialist support and programs<br>aimed specifically at servicing child victim survivors of family violence and sexual<br>assault. The role will also be required to provide internal and external stakeholder<br>advice, client and family advocacy and program development to expand the suite of<br>services offered to children accessing services at MSAU-MDVS and partner<br>organisations. This role will also be required to develop preventative programs to be<br>delivered in early childhood and primary school education facilities to increase<br>awareness and provide early intervention education and prevention of violence.  |  |  |
| Duties           | <ul> <li>Development and delivery of programs specifically aimed at child victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families, including but not limited to:         <ul> <li>Family violence counselling</li> <li>Sexual assault counselling</li> <li>Sexually Abusive Behaviours Treatment Service (SABTS)</li> <li>Children's group activities (MESH program)</li> <li>Protective Behaviours program</li> </ul> </li> <li>To provide counselling, advocacy, and direct support for child victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families when appropriate.</li> <li>To work as part of a team ensuring the provision of a safe and supportive environment in which services are client directed.</li> <li>To provide stakeholder information and education on the effects of family violence, to help foster community responsibility and advocate for change.</li> <li>To facilitate client access to external services and resources when requested and provide advocacy when required.</li> <li>Adhere to all company policies and procedures.</li> <li>Adhere to OH&amp;S.</li> </ul> |  |  |
| Responsibilities | <ul> <li>Excellent written and verbal communication skills.</li> <li>Friendly, approachable disposition.</li> <li>High level interpersonal skills, and ability to connect with people (particularly</li> </ul>   |  |  |
|                  | <ul> <li>children)</li> <li>To participate in staff meetings, supervision and other meetings as directed.</li> <li>To collect and accurately record relevant data.</li> <li>Demonstrated ability to plan, prioritise and time manage.</li> <li>Demonstrated ability to work independently as well as collaboratively.</li> <li>Build working relationships with internal and external partners.</li> <li>Ability to work collaboratively with external stakeholders for service integration.</li> <li>Knowledge and understanding of the Mallee community and health service sector.</li> </ul>  |  |  |



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| Key Selection Criteria | • | Minimum bachelor's degree qualification in social work, psychology, education<br>or equivalent.<br>Demonstrates and understanding of legislation governing services for children.<br>Current drivers' licence.<br>Working With Children's Check NSW & VIC |
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|                        | • | National Police Check   |