

Family Services Team
SENIOR FAMILY SERVICES PRACTITIONER
76 hours per fortnight (1.0 FTE)
Ongoing

The Position

The Family Services Team works with vulnerable and high-risk families, providing individual support and group work programs to children, youth and families. The team support families to make sustainable changes in the best interests of children and young people.

The Senior Family Services Practitioner will provide formal clinical supervision, support, and guidance to staff in the family services team. They will promote best practice principles within the team and contribute to the delivery of safe and effective services to children, young people, and families. The successful applicant will work as part of an integrated Family Service system to support children, youth, and families with a focus on early intervention and prevention.

About BCHS

Bendigo Community Health Services has cared for the health and wellbeing of the Bendigo community for 50 years. We employ more than 280 people across a broad range of services.

The success of BCHS starts with our staff, who have a high level of professionalism and dedication, allowing us to deliver quality services for the community, with a particular focus on vulnerable people.

Added benefits of working with BCHS include:

- Salary packaging
- Purchasing leave
- Study assistance
- Training programs
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To successfully apply for this position you will need:

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

1. Minimum qualifications in an undergraduate bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, community welfare, or related discipline.
2. Demonstrated experience providing clinical supervision and leading and supporting a diverse team.
3. Demonstrated experience in providing assertive outreach and case management and support to children, youth, and families within an empowerment framework with a comprehensive understanding of best practice principles, consent, advocacy, and confidentiality.

4. Demonstrated experience and skill in assessment and identifying and managing risk in families.
5. Demonstrated understanding of attachment and trauma - and how these impact on children, young people, and their families.
6. Demonstrated experience in building rapport and professional relationships with clients from diverse backgrounds, as well as excellent interpersonal and communication skills with children, youth, and families, partnering services and other professionals.
7. Demonstrated ability to work both independently, and as a member of a multidisciplinary team.
8. A sound knowledge of the Victorian Children, Youth and Families Act 2005.
9. A current Drivers Licence.
10. A current Working with Children Check.
11. The successful applicant will also be required to undertake and complete a Satisfactory National Police Check.

Desirable

1. Excellent organisational and time management skills.
2. Comprehensive knowledge of the local service system.
3. Demonstrated understanding of the social model of health and how it relates to clients and best practice service delivery within a Community Health setting.

For further information about the position contact the Senior Leader of Family Services- Donna Bogdanovski on 0428 611 996.

To view the position description please go to <https://www.bchs.com.au/careers/current-jobs>

Applications addressing the **Key Selection Criteria** should be emailed to recruitment@bchs.com.au by 10pm, Monday 17 February 2025.

Bendigo Community Health Services encourages applications from individuals of all backgrounds and abilities.

Applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. Applicants are requested to contact Human Resources on telephone 5406 1227 if an automatic acknowledgement has not been received.