

Alcohol and Other Drugs Team
Welfare Worker- Needle Syringe Program
21 hours per fortnight (0.276 FTE)
Ongoing Position

The Team

The Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Team is a multi-disciplinary team, supporting consumers requiring a range of treatment, support and education related to their use of alcohol and other drugs (AOD). The team supports consumers along the continuum of AOD use from active using to seeking access to stop their use with a pathway to recovery. The focus of the team is to provide seamless treatment and support pathways, coordinated service and a range of information and education interventions relating to harm reduction.

The Position

The Welfare Worker - Needle Syringe Program (NSP) works in the mobile NSP service, which operates on a Tuesday to Saturday from 7.30pm to 11pm. This position will be rostered for 3 shifts per week. NSP provides sterile injecting equipment and disposal services within a harm minimisation and health promotion framework to the City of Greater Bendigo. The program delivers information and education covering a range of public health and harm reduction issues including safer using practices, identifying and responding to high-risk injecting practices, appropriate disposal of injecting equipment, safe sex practice and prevention of blood borne virus (BBV) and sexually transmitted infections (STI).

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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- Fitness Passport

To successfully apply for this position, you will need to respond to the below:

Key Selection Criteria

1. A qualification in Community Services, Community Development, Youth Work, or other health science related field or demonstrated experience working in a related field.
2. Demonstrated understanding of a range of related areas including; harm reduction, illicit and legal drugs, blood-borne virus prevention, overdose prevention, overdose response and management.
3. A willingness and capacity to work with marginalised and stigmatised communities such as people who use drugs without judgement or discrimination.
4. Show evidence of well-developed written and verbal communication skills and sound administration and data entry skills.
5. Demonstrated ability to develop consumer and community focused materials for health education or health promotion activities.
6. Demonstrated ability to provide sensitive practice in response to consumer diversity.
7. Current First Aid and CPR Certification.
8. Ability to work after hours.
9. A current employee Working with Children Check and Driver's Licence.
10. The successful applicant will also be required to undertake and complete a Satisfactory National Police Check.

For further information about the position contact Peta Brady on 0461 382 027.

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

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

Applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. Applicants are requested to contact People and Culture on telephone 5406 1555 if an automatic acknowledgement has not been received.