

headspace Bendigo
Mental Health Clinician- Innovative Health Services
Homeless Youth (IHSY)
45.6 hours per fortnight (0.6 FTE)
Ongoing Position

ABOUT HEADSPACE BENDIGO

headspace Bendigo is a free, youth-friendly mental health and wellbeing service for young people aged 12–25 years, operating under Bendigo Community Health Services (BCHS) as the lead agency. The service provides holistic support across four core streams: mental health, physical and sexual health, alcohol and other drugs, and work and study. headspace Bendigo delivers services in line with the headspace Model of Integrity Framework, ensuring care is evidence-based, youth-led, and responsive to the diverse, evolving and intersecting needs of young people, their families, carers and supporters

POSITION ROLE

The IHSY Mental Health Clinician delivers direct clinical services to young people aged 12–25 years who may be presenting with early-stage to moderate mental health, emotional health and wellbeing concerns, including alcohol and other drug issues and who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The day-to-day work of the role centres on brief intervention sessions, psychosocial and risk assessment, focused psychological strategies, and case management— including care planning, referral, stakeholder communication and case conferencing.

ABOUT BENDIGO COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES (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
- Novated leasing
- Fitness Passport

To successfully apply for this position you will need to address the following:

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

1. Relevant tertiary qualifications in mental health, psychology, social work, nursing, occupational therapy, or psychotherapy/counselling, with discipline-specific registration or accreditation as follows: Psychologist (current AHPRA registration, general or endorsed); Social Worker (AASW membership); Registered Nurse (current AHPRA registration with mental health nursing specialisation); Occupational Therapist (Masters-level qualification and demonstrated specialist mental health practice); Counsellor/Psychotherapist (current registration with PACFA or ACA at Clinical or equivalent membership level minimum).
2. Demonstrated ability to complete brief interventions, psychosocial assessments, risk assessments and AOD screening, and to develop and implement care plans for young people aged 12–25 years, including those with moderate to more intensive support needs and co-occurring or intersecting presentations.
3. Knowledge of the complex health / mental health needs of young people; particularly those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
4. Demonstrated ability to engage effectively with young people who may be reluctant to seek help or facing barriers to care, using flexible, youth-centred and strengths-based approaches, and to work collaboratively with families and carers as partners in care.
5. Demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to culturally safe, trauma-informed practice, including an understanding of the specific needs and experiences of First Nations young people, young people from multicultural backgrounds, and other priority population groups.
6. Ability to participate in clinical, operational and group supervision and a commitment to critical reflection and discussion of values and ethical conduct.
7. Demonstrated ability to work effectively as a member of a multidisciplinary team, contribute to case coordination and clinical review processes, and exercise sound independent clinical judgement when required.
8. Ability to accurately record and document information and to collect and collate data within given timeframes and in keeping with legal, ethical and professional standards
9. Current Employee Working with Children Check, current Driver's Licence.
10. The successful applicant will be required to undertake and complete a Satisfactory National Police Check.

Desirable

1. Show evidence of knowledge and understanding of Bendigo Community health Services and understanding of headspace philosophy, purpose and program delivery model.
2. Experience working with young people and innovative skills to engage our most vulnerable young people
3. Demonstrated understanding of the social model of health and its integration into counselling service provision.

For further information about the position contact Lindsay Rose on 5406 1400

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 Human Resources on telephone 5406 1555 if an automatic acknowledgement has not been received.