Bendigo Community Health Services

PO Box 1121,
Bendigo Central
Victoria 3552

Reg. No. A0024004N
ACN: 136 467 715
ABN: 76 026 154 968

Family Services

Family Services Practitioner

76 hours per fortnight- 1.0 FTE (Negotiable)
Fixed Term Position to November 2027

Bendigo Community Health Services (BCHS) are currently recruiting to an outstanding and exciting Family Services Practitioner position within their family services team. Make a difference by being a part of a value-driven organisation working to empower and strengthen families and enhance the wellbeing and safety of children, young people and families.

The Family Services Team works with vulnerable families experiencing a range of challenges, providing individual support and group programs to children, youth and families.

As the Family Services practitioner you will support families to make sustainable changes in the best interests of children and young people. You will be a strong advocate and promote the safety, stability, wellbeing, development and cultural safety of children, young people and their families. You will be skilled in family work and interventions providing individual tailored support and case coordination as part of a dynamic team and broader family services system underpinned by legislative frameworks.

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
- Novated leasing
- Fitness Passport

To successfully apply for this position you will need:

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

1. A qualification in Social Work, Psychology, Community Services, Community Welfare, Community Development or related discipline.
2. Demonstrated experience in providing assertive outreach, case management and support to children, young people and families within an empowerment-based

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framework, underpinned by a strong understanding of best-practice principles, informed consent, advocacy, confidentiality and child-centred approaches.
3. Demonstrated experience and skills in assessment and identifying risk in families.
4. Demonstrated understanding of attachment and trauma - and how this may impact on children, young people and their families.
5. Demonstrated experience in building rapport and professional relationships with people from diverse backgrounds as well as excellent interpersonal and communication skills with children, youth, families and professionals.
6. Demonstrated ability to work independently as well as a member of a multidisciplinary team.
7. Demonstrated understanding of the impact and gendered nature of family violence.
8. A sound knowledge of the Victorian Children, Youth and Families Act 2005.
9. A current employee Working with Children Check and Driver's Licence.
10. The successful applicant will be required to undertake and complete a satisfactory National Police Check.

Desirable

1. Comprehensive knowledge of the local service system.
2. Post graduate qualifications in family therapy or related field
3. Demonstrated understanding of the social model of health and how it relates to consumers and best practice service delivery within a Community Health setting.

For further information about the position contact 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

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.