



Position Description

Position Title: Social and Emotional Wellbeing Research Officer –
Suicide Prevention and Aftercare Services

Position Classification: Health Professionals and Community Services (HPCS) Level 4-5

Direct Reports: Nil

Reports To: Culture Care Connect Coordinator – Design and Implementation

PROGRAM / ROLE DESCRIPTION

Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service (WWHS) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation that prides itself on delivering a range of health services to the community in a style and manner that makes clients feel welcome and comfortable.

WWHS operates a range of clinics and provides a range of primary health care and other services which include our Main Clinic (acute and general care), Gudbinji Chronic Disease Clinic, Binjari Health Centre, Women and Children's Health, Men's Health and a Dental Clinic.

We also deliver Community Service programs which aim to achieve better outcomes in early intervention, treatment, and management through an integrated approach in a primary health care setting like our Alcohol and Other Drugs Program, Social and Emotional Wellbeing program, Katherine Individual Support Program, and our Strong Indigenous Families program.

As well as providing Clinical and Community Services WWHS also provides Professional Development and Training, as well as Corporate Services being: Human Resources, Finance, Infrastructure, Work Health and Safety, Compliance and Administration Support.

The role of the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Research Officer – Suicide Prevention and Aftercare Services will support the ongoing work and development of the Community Services Programs strengthening clinical and community services concerning effective, evidence-based social and emotional wellbeing support in relation to suicide prevention and aftercare services across the Katherine region and within Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service.

This role requires a good knowledge of the regional context and local communities, problem-solving, critical and analytical thinking as well as a high degree of emotional intelligence, active listening skills, initiative and adaptability, as well as proven effective verbal and written communication skills across community and organisation sectors while working as a part of a research and evaluation team.

KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Service Delivery

- Coordinate local research and evaluation consultations
 - Undertake community consultation and yarning activities about the development, implementation and evaluation of suicide prevention and aftercare services with effective social and emotional well-being supports and service delivery in the Katherine region

- Provide short consultation reports and summary documents within a team of research and evaluation staff including the external consultation service lead
- Collaborate with external consultation service lead to develop appropriate reports and frameworks that inform implementation, service delivery and evaluation activities concerning effective, culturally responsive and trauma-informed social and emotional well-being support and services for suicide prevention and aftercare services

Administration and Reporting

- Create informal and formal documents with a high level of creative, critical and analytical thinking
 - Develop a range of written reports, briefings and graphic materials to inform a broad range of key stakeholders and decision-makers
 - Track and plan project deliverables in consultation with Community Services Manager and external consultant
 - Create PowerPoint and other visual and graphic presentations using Microsoft applications including Teams

Workplace Health and Safety

- Ensure your personal health and safety, and that of others in the workplace
- Comply with any reasonable directions (such as safe work procedures, wearing personal protective equipment) given by management for health and safety
- Promote and deliver in accordance with Wurli's risk management framework
- Report all accidents, incidents, near misses and hazards immediately

Corporate Identity

- Promotes and embodies Wurli's vision and values
- Act as a role model for clients
- Act in accordance with Wurli's Code of Conduct

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications / Prerequisites:

- An understanding of the factors that contribute to and the impact of suicide on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the Northern Territory
- Experience working with individuals, groups and communities in the NT
- Demonstrate understanding of trauma-informed research and evaluation processes and practices
- Demonstrate knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social and emotional wellbeing frameworks and an ability to effectively engage with individuals, groups and communities bereaved and/or impacted through suicide and/or grief, loss, and trauma
- Demonstrated writing ability including experience with preparing submissions, reports, proposals, briefings and other written or graphic content
- Demonstrated research, monitoring and evaluation skills.
- Ability to work both independently and within a team.
- National Police Records Check and Working with Children's Clearance
- Current Northern Territory Driver's License

Desirable:

- ❑ Evidence of professional development and examples of the application of Aboriginal Mental Health First AID (AMHFAT), Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), Suicide Story, Trauma-informed practice and/or narrative training.
- ❑ Experience in participatory research and evaluation together with narrative inquiry (yarning) methods would be an advantage.

Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the requirements of the role; responsibilities and accountabilities as outlined within this Position Description.

Employee name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____