

Aboriginal Child and Adolescent Mental Health Professional

Department: Western Sydney Local Health District

Classification: Social Worker Level 3, Occupational Therapist Level 3, Psychologist, Registered Nurse, Counsellor Level 3

Location: Western Sydney Mental Health Services

Employment Status: Permanent full-time

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BEAT is currently located in Mt Druitt. Young people's access to primary health, mental health, alcohol & drugs, counselling, training and employment services are provided to young people with ready and respectful access to counselling, physical health care, mental health care, information and treatment around drug and alcohol issues, as well as easy access to educational rehabilitation, work skills development, alternative accommodation, and legal advice among other services.

Blacktown Early Access Team (BEAT) provides specialist mental health intervention to young people aged between 12 and 25 years. The team works comprehensively to provide effective treatment for this age group.

BEAT provides treatment of young persons aged between 12 and 24 presenting with a diagnosed moderate to complex mental illness who require specialist mental health intervention. These mental health diagnoses may include psychotic disorders, mood disorders, anxiety disorders and those presenting with complex trauma problems.

BEAT provides a range of evidence based interventions to improve mental health outcomes for the young person. Core work activities include Early Intervention, Early Detection and Prevention, including Health Promotion and improved resilience building strategies for young people of the service. The role also includes working with the young person's family, providing family work, in collaboration with other members of the team.

The Aboriginal Child and Adolescent Mental Health Clinician functions within a multidisciplinary team and gives priority to coordination of the recovery of Aboriginal people with mental illness or disorders and drug & alcohol issues, provide expert clinical services in collaboration with consumers, carers and other care providers, using an integrated and person centred approach.

Selection Criteria:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent authorised under section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act (NSW) 1977*.
2. A demonstrated knowledge of the Aboriginal concept of social and emotional wellbeing including an understanding of Aboriginal family structure and Aboriginal culture and wisdom. This will include an understanding regarding the practical and emotional issues that may arise when working with Aboriginal individuals with mental health concerns and their families.
3. Recognised qualifications in health discipline (Social Work, Nursing, Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Counselling or Djirruwang program graduates) together with current registration with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or relevant professional body & extensive clinical experience in mental health.
4. Demonstrated extensive experience working with young people, including adolescents, and their families with complex mental health issues, such as psychotic disorders, bipolar affective disorder, complex trauma, depression, & anxiety.
5. Demonstrated comprehensive knowledge of Early Intervention principles in the management of mental illness.
6. Demonstrated extensive clinical proficiency in assessment and treatment of mental illness such as psychotic disorders, bipolar affective disorder, complex trauma, depression, and anxiety.
7. Excellent interpersonal communication, verbal and written skills and demonstrated ability to consult, influence and negotiate effectively with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.
8. Comprehensive knowledge and experience in working with young people with Alcohol & Other drug difficulties.

Applications Close: 13 May 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically.

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