



Position Description

Aboriginal Community Health Worker
Connected Beginnings - GWAHS Mount Druitt



POSITION TITLE

Aboriginal community health worker- Connected Beginnings
Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service

LOCATION

Mount Druitt- GWAHS
Reporting to Connected Beginnings Team leader

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Connected Beginnings Aboriginal Community Health Worker is responsible for facilitating healthcare screening and access to children referred into the Doonside and/or Mount Druitt Connected Beginnings Projects. This includes engaging families for health care for birth to five-year-old children to facilitate better outcomes by the time they start school with a focus on the following domains.

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills
- Communication skills and general knowledge.

This project delivers the health component of the Connected Beginnings Projects that are led by education agencies Ngroo, Mount Druitt and Ngallu Wal, Doonside.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS ROLE

- Maintain positive partnerships with key stakeholders
- Engage Aboriginal Families and Children in their healthcare journey
- Perform health and developmental screening and referrals
- Written communication in files, letters and report writing
- Contribute to data collection for the Connected Beginnings Project
- Facilitate culturally appropriate healthcare for Aboriginal children living within Doonside and Mount Druitt regions
- Participate in service planning with services and agencies as directed by supervisor
- Participate in case conferences and family planning meetings
- Actively participate in staff appraisal and staff supervision processors
- Participate in quality and accreditation activities as per the direction of the supervisor

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Essential Criteria

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- Aboriginality
- Qualification of Aboriginal Health Practitioner (Clinical) with current registration with APHRA
- Experience in clinical or community base health care
- Excellence in team work
- Excellent communication skills with children, families and service partners
- Experience in clinical and case management of clients
- Demonstrated time management and the ability to prioritise tasks
- Knowledge and understanding of the issues that impact on Aboriginal people and Aboriginal communities.
- Working with Children and Criminal Record check clearances and a current NSW Drivers Licence

Desirable Criteria

- Recent work experience and knowledge of child health.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

WHO WE ARE

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) aims to empower targeted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to take control of their individual, family and community health and wellbeing needs through the community-controlled model. Our main services are located in Wellington, Dubbo, Moree, Western Sydney, Penrith, Nepean Blue Mountains, and we provide outreach services to other towns and communities through our regional programs

We are an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service offering Primary Health Care Services, and an Integrated Care program, as well as a number of specialist clinical staff and AHW's; a Specialist Programs Unit incorporating Social & Emotional Wellbeing, Child & Family Support, Drug & Alcohol, Aboriginal Family Health, and Aboriginal Local Support; a Healthy for Life (H4L) Program, Maternal & Child Health Worker, Aboriginal Health Workers, Youth Health Worker and Dietitian targeting Maternal & Child Health and Chronic Diseases; and regional programs including the Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program, Aboriginal Children's Therapy Team, and Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program. Our staff are supported by an Executive Management Team located across our service areas.

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