

Community Development Assertive Outreach Worker (2 positions) 3 days per fortnight

Job Reference No: VAC0404

- **Inner City Location**
- **2 types of Salary Packaging Available**
- **Work/Life Balance Opportunity**

A unique opportunity is available to be a part of an assertive outreach Harm Minimisation service operating across Port Phillip, Stonnington, Glen Eira, Kingston and Bayside areas of local government. Based in St Kilda, the role requires you to be confident in engaging with people of all ages and cultures who inject drugs. In particular we are looking to engage more fully with young people and steroid users through assertive outreach, and the development of networks who can inform the work at a local level, including police, Local Government and a range of other agencies.

Specific responsibilities include:

- *Provide an accessible, client focussed and evidence based assertive outreach NSP through offering practical education and advice on safe using practises, management of injecting sites, and wound care*
- *Pro-actively identify and engage with young people, Aboriginal, and culturally diverse populations as well as people experiencing homelessness*
- *Promote the use of secondary NSP outlets, Safe Dispensing Unit's and ISCHS primary health services to clients where appropriate*
- *Participate in the planning, evaluation and development of the MHOS program, and provide information on drug using trends and gaps in service delivery to inform development of the regional drug strategy*

Skills required include:

- *Excellent knowledge and understanding of harm minimisation/harm reduction*
- *Comprehensive understanding of the barriers to accessing NSPs for disengaged young people, culturally diverse and homeless populations*
- *Understanding of and commitment to the Social Model of Health and understanding of contemporary service delivery based on best practise*
- *Ability to work during and outside normal business hours on a regular basis*

Who We Are

Star Health works in partnership with people and communities to promote and improve equity, health and wellbeing by delivering innovative client-directed services that take into account the context of the individual and the community, and championing prevention and change to address the structural reasons for health inequity.

Applicants **must** complete our application form directly via our website <http://www.starhealth.org.au/careers/current-vacancies/>

For further information about any of the roles, please contact Catherine Phan on 03 9525 1300 or email: CPhan@starhealth.org.au

Closing Date: Sunday 4th March, 2018 @ 5pm

Star Health is an equal opportunity employer and encourages individuals of diverse backgrounds including those from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and LGBTI+ communities to apply.

