

Trauma Informed Counsellor(s)

Employer: SAMSN

Work Type/s: Full and Part Time will be considered

Sector/s: Not-for-Profit (NFP)

Location: Sydney

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Applications close: 12.00pm Monday 20th May 2019

Organisational Context:

Survivors & Mates Support Network (SAMSN) is a not-for-profit organization co-founded by male survivors of child sexual abuse. SAMSN offers a range of FREE professional & peer support services available to men and their families regardless of ethnicity, sexual orientation or religious beliefs. SAMSN aims to build a support network that gives voice and agency to male survivors. These services include individual planned support, monthly meetings and professionally facilitated eight-week groups, as well as supporters and service provider's workshops.

The Role:

We are looking for suitably qualified/experienced people to join the SAMSN team as a Trauma Informed Counsellor.

The counsellor will work as part of the Planned Support team, but have a particular focus on supporting the priority groups of:

- Men from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities
- Young men (including young men becoming fathers)
- Men in regional and rural communities

The Counsellor will work in partnership with the community worker(s) to build capacity in identified services (including NSW Health & VAN services), organizations and practitioners to better understand, respond and equip services, to respond to the needs of these male survivors.

The counselling offered will be short-term with a focus on 'warm referrals' of survivors to appropriate longer term counselling if needed.

The counsellor will also work with regional community counsellors and services to facilitate the eight-week groups in regional areas, and build capacity of regional workers.

The Role will require:

- A good understanding of the dynamics and impacts of child sexual abuse
- Tertiary qualifications and experience in community development/social work or a related discipline
- Willingness and capacity to travel
- Ability to network and work collaboratively with a wide range of people.

Selection Criteria

SAMSN is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to ensuring a safe environment for children and young people. **We strongly encourage individuals of diverse backgrounds including but not limited to those from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, the GLBTIQ community and those living with a disability to apply.**

Essential:

- NSW Driver's Licence
- Demonstrated coordination, administration and facilitation skills
- Demonstrated active leadership and connection within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community
- Demonstrated capacity to engage a diverse range of stakeholders
- Demonstrated ability to work autonomously and responsibly
- Good spoken, written and cross-cultural communication skills
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and cultural safety
- Demonstrated understanding of WH&S legislation and an employee's responsibilities under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Successful applicants will be required to have a current National Police Check and, if relevant to the position, a Working with Children Check.

Desirable:

- Understanding of community development principles and practice and community participation mechanisms
- Understanding of the NGO sector

What we offer

We offer a diverse, inclusive and flexible environment, and a team of hardworking and committed service providers. As the successful applicant you'll be joining an organisation where you will be supported to grow, learn and develop your skills.

Appropriate culturally supported supervision and professional development will be provided as part of the role.

How to apply:

If you have any queries about this role please contact Les Spencer, either by email les@samsn.org.au or telephone 02 8355 3711.

Address your cover letter to the CEO, Craig Hughes-Cashmore and email your application along with the responses to the Selection Criteria to les@samsn.org.au.