

FAMILY PRACTITIONER (Ongoing, fulltime)

The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH) was established to provide a coordinated and integrated approach to the planning, development and delivery of primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations within the South East Queensland. The IUIH is a lead agency working in partnership with key stakeholders to support the effective implementation of the Council of Australian Governments 'Closing the Gap' initiatives.

IUIH Family Wellbeing Services has been established at MATSICHS to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the Brisbane North region.

The purpose of the Family Practitioner position is to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families a coordinated mix of services to address multiple levels of need and to build family and community capacity to safely care for and protect vulnerable children. This includes:

- the practical services and supports to build knowledge, strength and capacity of individuals and their families to provide the necessary environment to optimise the trajectory of health and wellbeing of children; and
- the delivery of support in a manner which ensures meaningful engagement of the person in all decision making, with a bias toward building individual capability to participate in and lead the coordination of their own supports

Based across the MATSICHS clinics, the position of Family Practitioner will undertake comprehensive family strengths and needs assessment to facilitate case management goals including parenting support and education. This includes working with families at risk of being under the notice of child protection as well as families who are subject to ongoing intervention by the Department. The roles will support families in their goals regarding the improvement of relationships and/or family reunification or preservation and will support a positive cultural identity for all children through actions that enhance/encourage strong connections with kin, culture and country.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a new team that is committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and to make a direct impact on improving child safety outcomes in the community.

Competitive Salary Package + salary sacrifice + other benefits available

Key Duties include

- Undertake comprehensive assessment of family needs in consultation with the family and work with the family to develop an action plan that sets out priorities and actions including defining support / interventions from other SHP, MATSICHS or external providers
- Manage a caseload ensuring systematic contact and follow up with families to ensure priorities and actions are met in conjunction with Family Support Workers and other team members (eg psychologists, counsellors) to enhance levels of support and case support planning
- Provide culturally appropriate social and family support and advocacy work to facilitate case management goals including parenting support and education
- Ensure engagement of natural supports and networks to compliment funded services and assist in supported decision making where relevant and consistent with client preferences

Key Requirements include

- Qualifications in a relevant field including social work, psychology, social sciences or related clinical field
- Demonstrated experience working with vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families, including intensive case management, trauma informed practice and community engagement/development programs
- Current C Class Drivers Licence
- Current Blue Card (working with children and young people) or willingness to apply for a Blue Card

Enquiries about the position can be directed to Sam Wild by email at sam.wild@iuih.org.au or by phoning 07 3481 9700.

Applications (resume and covering letter addressing the key requirements above) are to be submitted via SEEK to be considered.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE – 9am on Tuesday 18 April 2017

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.