

POSITION VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT



Community Services **Family Services** **SPECIALIST DISABILITY PRACTITIONER** *Full Time (76 hours per fortnight 1EFT)* *Fixed Term to 30 June 2022*

The Position

Bring your experience and skills to this important opportunity to support vulnerable children and parents with disabilities to access the supports they need to live their best lives. Working alongside children and families, and building the capacity of the broader family services system, this position seeks to resolve service access issues.

The position sits within the experienced Family Services team at Bendigo Community Health Services, and aims to:

- Deliver a service that is sensitive to the needs of children and parents with disabilities and that recognises and supports the strengths, dignity and desires of the person with a disability in their family context.
- Provide consultations to and build the ongoing capacity of Family Services Practitioners within the catchment on disability and NDIS-related issues.
- Integrate both Family Services supports and disability supports to assist whole of family functioning and collaboration between services.

To successfully apply for this position you will need:

1. A relevant tertiary qualification in Social Work, Psychology, Early Childhood Specialist and/or related behavioural sciences at degree level or associate diploma level with substantial experience in the relevant service stream.
2. Demonstrated experience and knowledge of the NDIS and the disability sector.
3. A strong understanding of and experience in working with families where there is disability including skills in engagement and holistic assessment of needs and action planning.
4. Demonstrated awareness and commitment to working within the Best Interest Principles outlined in the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*, including demonstrated resilience to work with and support clients who have been exposed to trauma, violence or neglect.
5. Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with a diverse range of stakeholders to reach the best outcomes for children, young people and families.
6. Demonstrated computer skills in Microsoft Office packages and other statistical databases.
7. Excellent written and verbal communication, time management and organisational skills.
8. Demonstrated understanding of diversity, inclusiveness and health equity as a human rights issue, and how such issues might present in these teams.
9. Demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement, learning and innovation.
10. Ability to provide vaccination status information that meets the requirements for healthcare workers.

For further information about the position contact Julie Cairns on 0438 424 824 or go to <https://www.bchs.com.au/careers/current-jobs>

Applications addressing the **Key Selection Criteria** should be emailed to recruitment@bchs.com.au
Applications will be considered as they are received.

Bendigo Community Health Services encourages applications from individuals of all backgrounds and abilities.

Applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. Applicants are requested to contact Human Resources on telephone 5406 1221 if an automatic acknowledgement has not been received.