

Wellbeing, Inclusion & Independence

**SPECIALIST ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS FAMILY
VIOLENCE ADVISOR**

76 hours per fortnight (1.0 FTE)

Ongoing

The Position

The Specialist AOD Family Violence Advisor is situated within Bendigo Community Health Services (BCHS) AOD team who provide a broad range of supports to highly marginalised individuals and families as well as at risk communities. The suite of services covers initial contact, brief interventions, longer term therapeutic and clinical supports, information, harm reduction education and referral into treatment services both internally and externally.

Although primarily located within BCHS this role is responsible for the support and practice leadership for AOD services throughout the Loddon area catchment comprising Local Government Authorities of City of Greater Bendigo, Loddon, Campaspe, Mount Alexander, Central Goldfields and Macedon Rangers. The Advisor will be resourced to work alongside AOD treatment services across all six shires either in person or remotely via video conferencing.

The Specialist AOD Family Violence Advisor will also work closely alongside other area specialists across the state and locally within the Mental Health sector.

To successfully apply for this position you will need:

1. Significant understanding of the evidence on the gendered nature of family violence and the nature, dynamics and impact of family violence
2. Demonstrated understanding of the relationship between family violence and substance misuse in the context of AOD treatment services, and its implications for AOD service delivery.
3. Advanced communication skills with demonstrated experience in interagency liaison, consultation and the building of partnerships with key stakeholders and relevant service sectors.
4. In-depth knowledge of the landscape of family violence and other health and human services in the Loddon area catchment.
5. An ability to articulate and apply a practice framework focused on engagement and assessment including an understanding of Family Violence Risk Assessment, Risk Management, and Information Sharing requirements.

For further information about the position contact Dale Hardy on 0405 992 656.

To view the position description please go to <https://www.bchs.com.au/careers/current-jobs>

Applications addressing the **Key Selection Criteria** should be emailed to recruitment@bchs.com.au by 4pm Monday, 9 October 2023.

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 1312 if an automatic acknowledgement has not been received.