

Wellbeing, Inclusion & Independence

WELFARE WORKER - NEEDLE SYRINGE PROGRAM

Casual

The Position

Bendigo Community Health Services are seeking applicants who have demonstrated skills and ability in delivering information and education to persons in an anonymous outreach setting using a sensitive and non-judgmental approach.

This position provides outreach needle and syringe provision and disposal services within a harm minimisation and health promotion framework to the City of Greater Bendigo. The program delivers information and education covering a range of public health and harm reduction issues including safer using practices, identifying and responding to high-risk injecting practices, appropriate disposal of injecting equipment, safe sex practice and prevention of blood borne virus and sexually transmitted infections.

The position involves working evening shifts Tuesday to Saturday on a casual basis.

To successfully apply for this position you will need:

1. A qualification in Welfare Work, Community Development, Youth Work, Social Work, Counselling or other health science related field, which meets the registration requirements of the specific discipline in Victoria or demonstrated experience working in a related field.
2. Demonstrated understanding of a range of related areas including; harm reduction, illicit and legal drugs, blood-borne virus prevention, overdose prevention, overdose response and management.
3. A willingness and capacity to work with marginalised and stigmatised communities such as people who use drugs without judgement or discrimination.
4. Ability to provide vaccination status information or exemption that meets the requirements for healthcare workers.

For further information about the position contact Jan Dunlop on 0438 300 570.

Applications addressing the **Key Selection Criteria** (found in the position description) should be emailed to recruitment@bchs.com.au by 4pm Monday, 8 May 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.