

**Family Services Team**  
***Family Services Practitioner***  
76 hours per fortnight (1.0 FTE)  
Ongoing Position

**The Family Services team at Bendigo Community Health Services is currently recruiting to an outstanding, exciting and ongoing position within the team.**

**Make a difference by being a part of a values-driven organisation working to empower and strengthen families and enhance the wellbeing and safety of children, young people and families.**

The Family Services Team works with vulnerable families experiencing a range of challenges, by providing individual support and group work programs to children, youth and families. The team support families to make sustainable changes in the best interests of children and young people.

As the Family Services practitioner you will support families to make sustainable changes in the best interests of children and young people. You will be a strong advocate and promote the safety, stability, wellbeing, development and cultural safety of children, young people and their families. You will be skilled in family work and interventions providing individual tailored support and case coordination as part of a dynamic team and broader family services system, underpinned by legislative frameworks.

**About Bendigo Community Health Services**

BCHS has cared for the health and wellbeing of the Bendigo community for 50 years. We employ more than 280 people across a broad range of services.

The success of BCHS starts with our staff, who have a high level of professionalism and dedication, allowing us to deliver quality services for the community, with a particular focus on vulnerable people.

Added benefits of working with BCHS include:

- Salary packaging
- Purchasing Leave
- Study assistance
- Training programs
- Novated leasing
- Fitness Passport



**To successfully apply for this position, you will need:**

## **Key Selection Criteria**

### **Essential**

1. A Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification in Social Work, Psychology, Community or related fields.
2. Demonstrated experience in providing assertive outreach and case management and support to children, youth and families within an empowerment framework.
3. A comprehensive understanding of best practice principles, consent, advocacy and confidentiality.
4. Demonstrated experience and skills in assessment and identifying risk in families.
5. Demonstrated understanding of attachment and trauma - and how this may impact on children, young people and their families.
6. Demonstrated experience or ability to facilitate groups with children and young people.
7. Demonstrated experience in building rapport and professional relationships with people from diverse backgrounds as well as excellent interpersonal and communication skills with children, youth, families and professionals.
8. Demonstrated ability to work independently as well as a member of a multidisciplinary team.
9. Demonstrated understanding of the impact and gendered nature of family violence.
10. A sound knowledge of the Victorian Children, Youth and Families Act 2005.
11. Current Driver's License.
12. Current Working with Children Check (Employee).
13. The successful applicant will also be required to undertake and complete a Satisfactory National Police Check.

For further information about the position contact Donna Bogdanovski on 0428 611 996.

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](mailto:recruitment@bchs.com.au)

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

*Applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. Applicants are requested to contact People and Culture on telephone 5406 1555 if an automatic acknowledgement has not been received.*