



**SUNRISE HEALTH SERVICE
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**
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Job Title	Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home-Visiting (MECSH) Program Social Care Worker		Business Unit	Public Health and Planning – Population Health
Employment Status	Full-Time		Duration	Until June 2022
Classification	AO6		Salary	90,369 – 101,025
Position Number		Vacancy Closing	Reports to Position (name and number)	MECSH Program Manager
Contact	Colleen Voss, telephone 08 8971 9531 or email Colleen.Voss@sunrise.org.au			
Organisation Information	http://www.sunrise.org.au/sunrise/home.htm			
Information for Applicants	<p>Applications should be limited to a one-page summary sheet addressing the selection criteria and a detailed resume/cv attached. All applications to be sent to recruitment@sunrise.org.au</p> <p>Confirmation of employment is dependent on the outcome of a Criminal History Check and successful application for an Ochre Card.</p>			

Primary Objective:

Provide support, advice and education to the Nurses providing the Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home-visiting (MECSH) Program. Provide culturally safe psychosocial support for the families enrolled in the MECSH Program, such as brief counselling interventions, and instrumental support, such as advocating for and assisting families with housing, service access and financial issues. This position will also provide services to all 9 communities as the program rolls out; MECSH clients will be a priority. Currently the MECSH program is in Wugularr and is being rolled out in Barunga, Manyallaluk (Eva Valley) and Bulman.

Context Statement:

Sunrise Health Service Aboriginal Corporation (SHS) provides comprehensive primary health care services through 9 remote health centres to the 3700 people living in the Katherine East region. We value our people and are committed to providing culturally respectful holistic health programs blending traditional healing practices with current evidence-based practice to address physical, social, emotional and cultural well-being.

Our key values include mutual respect, openness, engagement, two-way learning, and cultural safety.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Providing support, advice, and education to the MECSH and Remote Health Centre staff to support the delivery of prevention and early intervention programs with families.
2. Demonstrate a high standard of professional practice and leadership that incorporates best practice, education and research.
3. Provide evidence-based culturally appropriate interventions on individual, group and family levels to MECSH participants and their families.
4. Provide new or other perspectives, or other approaches, ideas or interventions that will assist the team to address families' needs.
5. Provide psychosocial support and brief intervention for families.
6. Provide functional support to mothers through pregnancy to ensure a positive transition to parenting.
7. Facilitate links for Sunrise Health Service Aboriginal Corporation communities and health centres to specialist support services, including making appropriate referrals to other professionals where required.
8. Provide leadership in coordinating and implementing quality improvement activities.
9. Provide social work services to clients external to MECSH when capacity allows.
10. Other duties as required by your supervisor.



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Selection Criteria

Essential:

1. Degree in Social Work or eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).
2. Demonstrated 2 years remote health experience.
3. Understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal health, principles of primary health care and relevant legislation governing work practice.
4. Ability to communicate and work effectively with Aboriginal people and/or in a cross cultural setting
5. Demonstrated ability to work autonomously, demonstrating efficient time management skills
6. Experience in the use of computers and data collection programs.
7. Commitment to undertake professional development and complete training requirements to work within the MECSH Program.
8. Commitment to own professional development and sharing knowledge and skills.
9. Understanding of the principles of Quality Improvement processes and their application in the health care setting.
10. Knowledge of OH&S requirements within the workplace.
11. Current Northern Territory manual driver's license.
12. Ability to travel frequently by light aircraft or 4WD to remote aboriginal communities and stay for approximately one week at a time.
13. Hold or have the ability to hold current Criminal History Clearance and NT Ochre Card (Working with Children Clearance).

Desirable:

1. Experience working within a Cultural Security framework.

Further Information

This position requires travel in light aircraft or four-wheel drive and overnights (or additional nights) stays to SHS's remote communities.

Approved: Month Year

Oct 2019


**Approver: Dr Ahmed Latif
ACTING DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND PLANNING**