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Job Title	Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home-Visiting Program Nurse		Business Unit	Public Health and Planning – Population Health
Employment Status	Full – Time		Duration	Until June 2022
Classification	RAN 3		Salary	110,729
Position Number		Vacancy Closing	Reports to Position (name and number)	MECSH Manager
Contact	Colleen Voss on 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:

The Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home-visiting (MECSH) program is a structured program of sustained nurse home visiting for families at risk of poorer maternal and child health and development outcomes. It was developed as an effective intervention for vulnerable and at-risk mothers living in areas of socio-economic disadvantage. The role of the Nurse is to provide Primary Health Care to families and identify problems early in the child's development, offer general advice and pursue opportunities for health promotion and prevention. The nurse in the MECSH program should establish good relationships with the other service providers of care for families, particularly midwifery services during the antenatal period. The program includes working with local community worker.

Context Statement:

The MECSH Program Nurse will be delivering the program to the communities of Barunga, Manyallaluk (Eva Valley) and Bulman. They will be residing in Barunga and travelling to Manyallaluk and Bulman. This position requires travel in light aircraft or four-wheel drive and overnights stays to SHS's remote communities.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Support mother's and family's psychological and environmental issues, supporting the health and development of family including older children, providing opportunity for discussion, clarification and reinforcement of clinical antenatal care provided by usual antenatal midwifery and preparation for parenting.
2. Guided by a strengths-based approach, support and enable the mother and family to enhance their coping skills, problem solving skills and ability to mobilize resources; foster positive parenting skills; support the family to establish supportive relationships in their community; mentor maternal-infant bonding and attachment; and provide primary health care and health education.
3. Promote, support and modelling positive parent-infant interaction and delivery of a standardized structured child development parent education program.
4. Support parents to be future orientated for themselves and their children, modelling and supporting effective skills in solving day-to-day problems and promoting parents capacities to parent effectively despite the difficulties they face in their lives.
5. This includes modelling and supporting family problem solving skills, supporting families to access family and informal community resources and providing opportunities for families to interact with other local families and the wider community.
6. Carry a case load of up to 30 clients.
7. Participate in cross – cultural as well as assist and participate in staff induction and orientation.
8. Regularly record all activity on patient information system.
9. Other duties as directed.

Selection Criteria

Essential:

1. Registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) as a General Nurse.
2. Demonstrated 5 years remote and Child Health experience.
3. Demonstrated understanding of issues pertaining to Aboriginal primary health care and experience working in partnership with vulnerable families and knowledge of the social determinants of Aboriginal



health.

4. Willingness to take cultural advice from Aboriginal community members, Aboriginal Health Practitioners (AHP's) and other indigenous community outreach team members.
5. Demonstrated ability to work autonomously, demonstrating efficient time management skills.
6. Demonstrated 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. Demonstrated advanced written and verbal communication skills.
9. Demonstrated experience working with children and families.
10. Current manual driver's license, current Working with Children clearance (OCHRE Card) and current criminal history check.

Desirable:

1. Understanding of relevant legislation governing work practice in the Northern Territory.
2. Knowledge of child development.
3. Hold a Post Graduate qualification and experience in Midwifery or Maternal, Child and Family Health Nursing, or Public Health.

Approved: Month Year

Oct 2019

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