

drummond street services

Child and Family Practitioner – Child ATAPS & Better Access

Position Description

Position Title:	Child & Family Practitioner - Better Access & ATAPS Practitioner	Position Grade:	SCHADS Award 2010.
Department/Division :	Family Services Northern Region	Position No.	
Reporting to:	Senior Child and Family Practitioner & Manager Northern Region		
Position summary/purpose:	Provide psychological services to improve mental health and wellbeing clients under Better Access and ATAPS programs within drummond street services Family Services Model of Practice		

Key Responsibilities

Supportive Adult and Child Mental Health Interventions

- Provide sensitive and affirmative psychological services to children up to the age of 12 years and their families under ATAPS and Better Access programs.
- Conduct biopsychosocial assessment of risk and protective factors associated with mental health outcomes in this community and develop and implement individual case plans in collaboration with the client.
- Utilise clinically appropriate assessment measures to inform treatment and measure outcomes.
- Deliver evidence-based focused psychological strategies.
- Provide appropriate referral to both internal and external support agencies to meet bio psycho-social needs identified through the assessment process.
- Contribute to the development and delivery of biopsychosocial group interventions.
- Undertake continuing professional development and clinical supervision to maintain best practice.
- Provide regular written reports to the client's referrer with information regarding assessments, treatment, and recommendations.
- Complete all client records and other required documentation including case plans and client assessments
- Contribute to the achievement of individual, team and organisational program targets and KPI's as per contractual agreements with funders and those determined by drummond street.
- Work to the professional standards required of the APS', AASW Code of Ethics, as well as drummond streets' Code of Conduct, policies and procedures.

Networking and Partnerships

- Represent the organisation positively with a range of external health, social services and other relevant providers for the purpose of making appropriate client referrals, providing conjoint support where required, and marketing and promoting the agency programs.
- To use community development approaches (social justice, equality and mutual respect) to increase self-efficacy and empowerment of the communities
- Develop and deliver training to community members, partners and broader sector
- Network with a range of external health, social services and educational providers for the purpose of making appropriate client referrals or conjoint work where required, and to market and promote agency programs.
- Work collaboratively with other services to identify and address services gaps and client needs.
- Provide active, intentional work within risk and protective factors framework to support families' goals and aspirations.

Research and Evaluation

- Assist with the design and implementation of research and evaluation activities, and assist with data collection, recording and analysis and report writing as required.

Key Competencies/Skills		Experience Profile (including Qualifications)
Competency	Technical/Functional	
• Organisational & quality focus • Results driven & client oriented • Promotes productive work practices • Creative, flexible and solution focused • High level of self-awareness, professionalism and social justice values	• Expertise in evidence-based focused psychological strategies • Strong knowledge of determinants of mental health, including greater at risk cohorts i.e. Indigenous, LGBTIQ. • Family-aware and inclusive practice • High level counselling skills • Sound Information technology and written and verbal communication skills • Group facilitation skills	• Full registration as a psychologist or clinical psychologist or mental health social worker eligible to deliver under these programs. • Minimum two years' experience in providing psychological interventions to individuals and/or children under the Better Access and/or ATAPS program. • Demonstrated ability to provide evidence based focused psychological therapies and strategies with positive client outcomes, including experience in working with families with a refugee experience • Demonstrated organisational skills including the ability to meet deadlines and prioritise work tasks • Must have a Medicare Provider Number
Position Dimensions		Decision Making Authority
No. Of FTE: To be negotiated Customer base: Better Access & ATAPS clients		• Independent professional judgement in establishing a treatment pathway • Responsible for the management of caseload, in consultation with their supervisor