

Position Title: Team Leader - Risk Assessment & Management Panel (RAMP) and High Risk Programs	Team: Western Family & Domestic Violence Service		Region: Western Office: Mt Helen
Supervisor: Program Manager – High Risk and Specialist Response	Delegations and Authorities: In Line with Delegations Policy	Band: C Salary: SCHCADS Lv 7 \$10,500pa Motor Vehicle Allowance	Date Completed: October 2019

OUR VISION AND PURPOSE

We believe children, young people and families should be safe, thriving and hopeful.

Our Vision for 2022: Together we will courageously change lives and reimagine service systems.

For over 140 years, Berry Street has adapted to a changing world, and we will continue to adapt to achieve our purpose.

Berry Street will continue to be a strong and independent voice for the children, young people and families with whom we work. In collaboration with others, we will advocate for investment in early intervention and prevention services that enable families to be safe and stay together. We will use approaches that are culturally safe and informed by the best evidence available. We will measure and learn from the impact of our work, and we will continually contemporize our models of practice.

We look forward to working with children, young people, families, carers, staff and partners to achieve this vision. Together.

OUR VALUES

We expect all staff to apply these Values in all aspects of their work.

Courage: to never give up, maintain hope and advocate for a 'fair go' **Integrity:** to be true to our word

Respect: to acknowledge each person's culture, traditions, identity, rights, needs and aspirations

Accountability: to constantly look at how we can improve, using knowledge and experience of what works, and ensure that all our resources and assets are used in the best possible way

Working Together: to work with our clients, each other and our colleagues to share knowledge, ideas, resources and skills

ROLE CONTEXT

The Western Family & Domestic Violence Service is an entry point for Police Referrals covering the Victoria Police Western Division 3 areas, which includes: Ballarat, Moorabool, Pyrenees, Ararat, Golden Plains and Hepburn. The service provides a range of support services to women and their children who have experienced family violence, including an After-Hours Crisis service across the Western Region.

Victorian Strengthening Risk Management Program

The Strengthening Risk Management program is a key initiative to improve responses to women and children at high risk of serious injury or death from family violence. Key components of the program include the Risk Assessment and Management Panels. A Risk Assessment Management Panel (RAMP) is a formally convened meeting of several key agencies and organisations at a local level. RAMPs are regularly convened to comprehensively and collaboratively assess the safety of highest risk victims of family violence, and to develop coordinated Action Plans for participating agencies to undertake to keep women and children safe, and to increase perpetrator accountability.

It is planned that the new Support and Safety Hub (Orange Door) in the Central Highlands region (2020) interfaces with the Team Leader RAMP and High Risk Programs will liaise with the Family Violence Practice Leader and Hub Practitioners to consider referrals to the monthly panel.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE ROLE

The Team Leader RAMP and High Risk Programs will work collaboratively with a team of highly skilled family violence workers to facilitate, coordinate and manage referrals to the program, in addition to negotiating, developing and maintaining all aspects of the panel and reviewing its outcomes. The Team Leader will be assigned to the Central Highlands region.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

This role is based at our Mt Helen Office.

This role reports to the Program Manager – High Risk and Specialist Response.

This role will supervise High Risk Case Managers and other staff as appropriate.

EXPECTATIONS

- Conduct oneself in accordance with the Berry Street Code of Conduct which is underpinned by the values of accountability, courage, integrity, respect and working together within the principles of continuous improvement and occupational health and safety.
- Berry Street is committed to diversity and inclusion. We aim to ensure every individual is treated with dignity and respect regardless of their cultural background, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, spirituality or religion.
- Berry Street is committed to being a child safe, child friendly and child empowering organisation. In everything we do we seek to protect children. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children; children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds; children with a disability; children who identify with a sexual and or gender minority identity.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA: KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED TO FULFIL THE ROLE

- Excellent written and oral communication skills (including public speaking, presentations and facilitation skills).
- Demonstrated ability to flexibly manage competing priorities and stressful situations, monitoring own stress levels and practising and promoting self-care strategies.
- Demonstrated ability to provide leadership and share knowledge and experience with others.
- Demonstrated experience in the provision of crisis intervention and casework with victim/survivors and children from diverse backgrounds who have experienced family violence.
- An advanced ability to assess family violence risk and make decisions based on evidence based risk factors regarding priority for the panels with the Co-Chair.
- A good understanding of the gendered nature of family violence and the ability to articulate and apply a practice framework including engagement and assessment.
- Demonstrated ability to reflect on and analyse complex problems and provide workable solutions.
- Demonstrated skills in building relationships with a range of other key stakeholders at a systemic and individual case planning level.
- Advanced organisational skills and ability to meet deadlines.

QUALIFICATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- A tertiary qualification in Social Work, Psychology, Welfare or related discipline.
- Minimum of two years of previous experience in a family violence program.
- Staff must hold a valid WWCC, current drivers licence at all times and undergo a Criminal Records Check prior to employment. Subsequently, staff must report any criminal charges or court appearances.

DESIRABLE

- A comprehensive understanding of the Integrated Family Violence Service System.
- Knowledge of the Family Violence Protection Act 2008 and the Common Risk Assessment Framework and the ability to share this knowledge and model systems advocacy.
- Ability to speak a relevant community language.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ACCOUNTABILITY	SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES
Direct Service Delivery	 Monitor referrals, assessments, case coordination functions within relevant agencies supporting each individual RAMP case. Build and maintain relationships with core and non-core partner providers and a range of other key stake holders at a systemic and individual case planning level. Coordinate RAMP meetings in the Central Highlands region. Consult re: family violence risk assessments to individual women, children and provide consultations to team members and other relevant agency members where relevant. Initiate, receive and review referrals to RAMP from Specialist Family Violence teams and a range of external agencies and organisations. Discuss referral and consent to RAMP with women at high risk of family violence, ensuring that referrals meet RAMP high risk criteria. Provide secondary consultation to referring agencies to ensure the safety of women and children, prior to the RAMP. Complete a range of administrative task including; preparing the agenda and information for RAMP meetings and distributing Action Plans to RAMP members. Establish and maintain relationships with RAMP member and associate agencies and organisations. Liaise with a wide range of potential referral agencies, to familiarise them with the RAMP process and referral pathways. Attend State wide forums related to RAMP. Supervise staff from associated specialist programs within the Central Highlands Family Violence Program as directed.
Administration	 Ensure all meeting times, dates and venues are booked and scheduled for RAMP meetings. Manage the RISS data base. Manage Central Information Point processes. Resource RAMP meetings including the distribution of agendas, the recording of minutes and Action Plans for each referral. Ensure all participants are aware of confidentiality agreements. Maintain up-to-date contact information for all attendees. Ensure that accurate statistical data as required by DHHS is maintained and collated in a timely manner for reporting timelines. Data collection related to RAMP.
Program Development	 Develop/review, in consultation with the Program Manager, protocols or formal agreements with key stakeholders, sharing of information, confidentiality of agreements, decision making processes and conflict resolution processes. Develop and deliver training & education presentations to local, regional, state-wide groups as required. Liaise with key management and staff from within the broader community & health services sectors including hospitals, Community Health, housing, aged care, children's services, drug & alcohol, problem gambling and other relevant services and facilitate effective links to enhance referral options for women and children and promote awareness of family violence. Cooperate and participate in any evaluation processes either broadly related to family violence work or specifically regarding the strategies.
Other	Other duties as required.



INHERENT REQUIREMENTS OF WORK ACTIVITIES / ENVIRONMENT

Following is a table that outlines the main physical and psychological requirements of the position.

Element	Key Activity	Frequency
Work Environment	Manage demanding and changing workloads and competing priorities.	Daily
	Work in a team environment.	Daily
	Work in different geographic locations.	Daily
	Be exposed to all outdoor weather conditions. Work in unstructured environments (e.g. outreach). Work office hours with the possibility of extended hours. Work on-call after hours. Work in an open plan office.	
	Work in buildings which may be two-storey.	Daily
	Sit at a computer or in meetings for extended periods.	Daily
	Work in an environment with competing demands.	Daily
	Present at court and other jurisdictions.	Occasional
People Contact	Liaise with government, non-government and community organisations.	Daily
	Work with clients who may have a physical or sensory disability.	Regular
	Interact with members of the public who may display the full range of emotional expressions, including parents, partners, significant others, family members, advocates, doctors, police.	Regular
	Interact with clients and members of the public who could display verbal or physically challenging behaviour.	Regular
	Facilitate access to specialist, generic and community services.	Daily
	Undertake training and professional development activities.	Regular
Administrative Tasks	Undertake administrative tasks which may include the following: computer work, filing, writing reports, case notes/plans and client records, participating in meetings, concentrating for long periods of time, managing resources and budget and researching and analysing information and data.	Daily
	Use technology including photocopier, telephones including mobiles, fax, overhead projectors, televisions, videos, and electronic whiteboards.	Daily
Transport	Drive vehicles possibly over long distances and in all traffic and weather conditions.	Regular
	Drive vehicles with possible distractions from client behaviour, verbal or physical.	Occasional