



Therapeutic Counsellor

- Part time role – 4 days a week
- Work close to home
- Generous salary packaging in a not-for-profit health sector

Join the Gamblers' Help Southern team in the provision of counselling and treatment to people impacted by gambling.

Connect Health and Community provides a range of primary health and community services to people of all ages within the community.

Gambler's Help Southern (GHS) has been a program of Connect Health & Community since 1995. It offers a range of confidential, free services aimed at preventing or reducing the negative impacts of gambling on individuals, families and the community.

Therapeutic Counsellors work with diverse and complex clinical presentations, including comorbid gambling with mental health disorders including depression, anxiety and other conditions. They provide direct contact hours with clients ensuring effective, appropriate counselling interventions and care coordination for GHS clients, utilising a harm minimisation approach to assessment, treatment and clinical care coordination. The role includes delivery of a combination of direct client service, and indirect service hours, with some community engagement activities.

Working across our catchment of Bayside, South East Melbourne, and Frankston/Mornington Peninsula, you will work with a diverse and complex client group with a focus on preventing or reducing the negative impacts of gambling on individuals, families and the community.

We are looking for:

- Qualifications in a relevant field – Social Worker, Psychologist, Counsellor/Psychotherapist
- Knowledge and experience in therapeutic treatment for addictive disorders and other mental disorders, with particular reference to problem gambling.
- Experience in community based counselling and treatment services for individuals, couples and families presenting with multiple issues.
- Experience in intake assessment.
- Skills in clinical case management, liaison and developing referral networks.
- Excellent organisational and time management skills. .
- Ability to work independently and in a team environment.
- Ability to contribute to ongoing program development.

The period of employment will begin as soon as you are available on a part-time basis of 60.8 hours per fortnight on a fixed term contract ending 30th June 2024 (subject to available funding).

This position is based in Cranbourne and Bentleigh East with possible travel to Bayside, South East Melbourne and the Frankston/Mornington Peninsula locations.

Salary and conditions as per Community Health Centre (Stand Alone Services) Social and Community Service Employees Multi-Enterprise Agreement 2017-2020.

Connect Health offers many benefits that assist with work and life balance which include:

- Flexible hours
- Salary Packaging
- Family friendly environment

A condition of employment is a current Working with Children's Check and Police Check. If you do not already have these checks, you must be prepared to apply and fund them.

Under the COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Specified Facilities) Directions, Connect Health are required to collect, record and hold vaccination information about all Workers and are not able to permit a worker who is unvaccinated to work onsite unless an approved Medical Exemption applies. All applicants must be able to comply with this requirement.

For a confidential discussion, please contact:

Evan Nathanson, Program Manager Mental Health, Child Youth & Family on 9575 5305 or 0439 807 624

Applicants should obtain a copy of the relevant Position Description – available on our website
<http://www.connecthealth.org.au/>

Please apply through Seek or send your cover letter and resume to: recruit@connecthealth.org.au

Closing Date: Friday 22 November 2021

Connect Health & Community recruitment and selection procedures reflect our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Relevant screening and police checks will be conducted.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in applying for a position at Connect Health and Community are encouraged to contact the Hiring Manager indicated above for assistance and further information.