



## Position Description

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Occupational Therapist

New Directions

Wellington | June 2020



## **POSITION TITLE**

### **Occupational Therapist**

*Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service*

## **LOCATION**

Wellington – various locations

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

To provide Occupational Therapy services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children under 5 years referred to the New Directions: Mothers and Babies Service Program in Wellington.

The position reports directly to the Healthy 4 Life Team Leader .

## **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS ROLE**

- Provide holistic family centred assessment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-5 years of age
- Communicate assessment outcomes and case plans to the family and relevant/consented agencies
- Provide written initial assessment reports as required
- Development of family centred goals for the client
- Provide intervention using a variety of service delivery models based on family needs including but not limited to individual, family and multi-disciplinary sessions, consultation parent education, case management, home visits and group sessions
- Plan, develop and facilitate group programs for clients and/or parents/carers, based on identified client needs
- Provide written progress reports as required
- Contribute to WACHS internal case management of clients
- Give timely feedback to consented agencies involved with the client/s
- Involve family members in the case management decision making process
- Maintain and report accurate client data
- Adhere to all WACHS policies and procedures
- Initiate and participate in continuing quality improvement projects
- Assist in the completion of reports to external funding bodies regarding relevant clinical activities
- Develop or source information sheets and other resources for client needs
- Attend and participate in all required meetings, WACHS and service partners
- Participate in accreditation activities
- Participate in data collection requirements, research and evaluation as required by WACHS
- Knowledge and understanding of the issues that impact on Aboriginal people and Aboriginal communities
- Compliance of EEO, WH&S and Ethical Work Practices

## SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

### Essential Criteria

- Recognised degree in Occupational Therapy and current registration with AHPRA, for membership with the Australian Association of Occupational Therapists
- Minimum of 2 years clinical experience in the field of Paediatric Occupational Therapy
- High level of clinical skills in occupational therapy, including the ability to manage a complex paediatric caseload
- Ability to work unsupervised, manage and prioritise work and respond to complex situations in collaboration with a multi-disciplinary team
- Experience in working with Aboriginal families and understanding of the issues that impact on Aboriginal people and Aboriginal communities
- Demonstrated experience in electronic data recording
- Demonstrated awareness of and sensitivity to Aboriginal culture and history, and current issues affecting lives of Aboriginal people
- Working with Children and Criminal Record check clearances and a current NSW Drivers Licence

### Desirable Criteria

- Understanding of childhood trauma and its impact on development
- Experience in community participation and networks
- Demonstrated experience in conducting quality activities

## WHO WE ARE

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) aims to empower targeted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to take control of their individual, family and community health and wellbeing needs through the community-controlled model. Our main services are located in Wellington, Dubbo, Moree, Western Sydney, Penrith, Nepean Blue Mountains, and we provide outreach services to other towns and communities through our regional programs

We are an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service offering Primary Health Care Services and an Integrated Care program, as well as a number of specialist clinical staff and AHW's, a Specialist Programs Unit incorporating Social & Emotional Wellbeing, Child & Family Support, Drug & Alcohol, Aboriginal Family Health, Aboriginal Local Support, a Healthy for Life (H4L) Program, Maternal & Child Health Worker, Aboriginal Health Workers, Youth Health Worker and Dietitian targeting Maternal & Child Health and Chronic Diseases, regional programs including Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program, Aboriginal Children's Therapy Team, Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program. Our staff are supported by an Executive Management Team located across our service areas.

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