

Employment Opportunity at CAHMA

CAHMA's Aboriginal program The Connection is looking for a full time Co-ordinator.

CAHMA

The Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation & Advocacy (CAHMA) is the ACT's peer-based drug user and drug treatment consumer organisation. The Connection is CAHMA's Aboriginal program run by and for the Aboriginal community of Canberra. CAHMA is auspiced by AIVL, the national peak drug user organisation.

CAHMA undertakes a wide variety of work for one of the most marginalised and criminalised populations in our society – people who inject and use illicit drugs, or who are accessing drug treatment services. We are a low threshold service that often works with people in highly complex situations with multiple factors of disadvantage.

CAHMA has roots in harm reduction and we continue to prioritise this approach in our work. CAHMA is part of the ACT Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) sector.

Activities include:

- Providing a drop-in space for people to come and talk about their health and wellbeing, access phone, internet and tea and coffee services.
- Referral and case management for people seeking drug treatment and/or social services. This can include individual advocacy and peer support processes.
- Both systemic and individual advocacy for our community members.
- Harm Reduction, peer education and health promotion around blood borne virus prevention and treatment, especially hepatitis C.
- Take home naloxone training programs for people at risk of opioid overdose.
- Consumer representation on government and non-government committees and advisory groups. These include Advisory Groups for the ACT Drug Strategy, ACT Opioid Treatment Program, ACT Needle and Syringe Program.

The Connection Program

The Connection is a community controlled program run by and for the Aboriginal communities of Canberra. The Connection seeks to engage Aboriginal people with AOD services and related community and social services to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people who use drugs in the Canberra area. The Connection provides culturally secure access for Aboriginal people to all of the services that CAHMA provides as well as running groups and events specifically for Aboriginal people. The Connection has a strong track record of providing case management to Aboriginal people who have problematic drug and alcohol use. The Connection also has a strong track record of supporting Aboriginal people to navigate AOD services, as well as broader community services.



The Connection team consists of 3 staff (2FTE). All positions within The Connection are identified Aboriginal positions.

The Position

PLEASE NOTE: This is an identified Aboriginal position as per section s 34(1) of the Discrimination Act 1991. Applicants must identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

CAHMA and The Connection are looking for a person to Co-ordinate the work of The Connection. This leadership position will work with The Manager of CAHMA to develop, plan, implement and evaluate the work of The Connection. The position will be responsible for supervision of The Connection team and associated management tasks. In addition the position will include working directly with The Connection's clients in particular the provision of case-management and supported referral, health promotion information and education as well as targeted peer education in group settings. The successful applicant requires a minimum AOD Certificate IV and extensive experience in case management, staff management and working within the harm reduction framework.

The position is full time and will be remunerated under the national Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010 level 4-6 depending on experience and qualifications. Salary packaging options are available.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday the 22th June, 2018.

All applications must include a cover letter, current resume and a document addressing the selection criteria. All applications must be emailed to chrisg@cahma.org.au OR mailed to c/- Chris Gough; GPO Box 1552; ACT 2601.

For further information and an application pack please contact The CAHMA Manager Chris Gough on:

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