

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

# Student Alcohol & Other Drugs (AOD) Clinician

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<b>Hours:</b>	Full-time
<b>Length of Placement:</b>	Negotiable
<b>Location:</b>	Richmond and Melbourne metropolitan areas
<b>Reports To:</b>	Manager Child & Family Services and Team Leader Kids in Focus

### The Organisation

Odyssey House Victoria (OHV) is a place of hope and positive change for individuals working towards breaking their pattern of addiction. At OHV we believe that every person should have the opportunity to change and grow. Our diverse teams work with individuals, families and communities to reduce drug use, improve mental health and reconnect people to their family and the community.

OHV provides community services for those whose lives have been affected by alcohol and other drugs and is partnering with Uniting Care ReGen to deliver integrated, person-centered and evidence-based treatment services as the N&W Metro AOD Service (NWMAODS), part of the Victorian AOD sector reforms.

Kids in Focus is a specialist child and family support program that provides a range of intensive services to families affected by parental alcohol and other drug problems. The program aims to identify and address both the needs of the parents and their children. Kids in Focus provides intensive outreach services to the Melbourne Metropolitan Area

## Position Objective

The Student Clinician works with experienced OHV clinical staff to build their clinical practice in a supportive, supervised environment. The Student Clinician is assigned a placement with a Senior Kids in focus Clinician, who provides them with opportunities to learn, grow, be challenged, and share their thoughts and ideas.

## Role Responsibilities:

Key responsibilities for this position include:

### **CASE MANAGEMENT AND COUNSELLING (Community Services)**

Under supervision, and working as part of the Kids in focus team, to assist with:

- assessments include but are not limited to: AOD, Parenting and Domestic/Family Violence
  - practical assistance;
  - motivational interviewing and supportive counselling;
  - harm reduction information and education;
  - Professionals meeting, Care team meeting and case conferences to facilitate integrated and consistent treatment across services.
- Provide home-based child, parenting and family support to families where a parent has a drug or alcohol dependency
  - Conduct broad educational and psycho-social screening assessments of children
  - Assisting in the development of treatment plans and providing effective counselling interventions and assertive referrals to meet the individual needs of clients and their families, including those with complex needs;
  - Provide information, education and practical assistance to clients to help them to reduce the harms associated with substance use;
  - Assisting with high quality case management and timely record keeping including case notes, revision of treatment plans and feedback to clients;
  - Participating in community activities, such as attending camps, community events and programs;
  - Assisting in the appropriate referral and coordinated treatment of clients with specific or specialist needs by liaising with other treatment services

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Participate effectively in clinical supervision by actively giving and receiving feedback;
- Participate actively in any student related professional development activities.

### **GENERAL**

- Maintain up to date progress notes, case files and data entry;
- Adhere to site specific policies and procedures;
- Adhere to and keep informed of all relevant legislative compliance requirements, and report any perceived breaches;
- Undertake other duties as directed.

## Key Selection Criteria

As a Student AOD Clinician, I am currently in my final or penultimate year of a:

1. University/Masters Degree in Psychology, Social Work, Counselling, Nursing or Community Health/Welfare; or
2. Vocational qualification, such as a Certificate IV in AOD or Diploma of AOD.

As a Student AOD Clinician, I ...

3. Have a genuine interest in AOD work;
4. Am a strong verbal and written communicator, allowing me to quickly develop strong relationships with my colleagues and a variety of different stakeholders;
5. Am resilient and willing to work through a conflict situation with a professional and sensitive approach;
6. Am comfortable actively engaging in reflective practice;
7. Can convey empathy and concern and collaborate effectively with people from a range of different backgrounds in a respectful and compassionate manner;
8. Have high standards of integrity and am comfortable with engaging clients in dialogue and developing a therapeutic relationship;
9. Am committed to developing my clinical practice by observing and learning from others;
10. Believe in the value of teamwork and the importance of supporting others to enhance service delivery;
11. Take initiative, am organised can work independently, and adapt to changing organisational needs;
12. Am curious and committed to finding creative ways to work with clients to achieve better outcomes

## Essential Requirements

- Satisfactory outcome of a confidential Police Check and Working with Children Check. OHV is committed to child safety and is a child safe organisation.
- Displays personal insight and an ability to receive constructive feedback.
- Empathy for those whose lives have been affected by problematic alcohol and other drug use/ and or mental health disorders.
- Information technology skills, including proficiency in Microsoft Office suite.
- Eligibility to work in Australia.
- Possession of a current Victorian Driver's License

## Desirable Requirements

- First Aid Certificate.

I have read and understand the requirements of my student placement position

Signature:

Date: