



**Ngaanyatjarra**  
Health Service

<b>Position Title:</b>	Mental Health Support Worker (Male Identified Preferred)
<b>Location:</b>	Ngaanyatjarra Lands WA
<b>Reports to:</b>	Mental Health Nurse
<b>Award:</b>	Nurses or other depending on qualifications
<b>Classification:</b>	Level based on qualification and experience

### **Summary of Role**

The role of the Mental Health Support Worker is to provide mental health support, intervention, consultancy, and liaison to Men and Women with mental health illness on the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

The Mental Health Support Worker will work closely with the NHS Mental Health Nurse based in Warburton Community, Members and Elders to achieve good mental health outcomes for Ngaanyatjarra people. This role also has a component of second on call to the clinics where the position is based on the Lands.

### **Key Responsibilities and Accountabilities**

- Work closely with the NHS Mental Health Nurse to identify Ngaanyatjarra people at risk of mental illness and / or suicide and provide effective coordination of services
- Provide outreach community services to Ngaanyatjarra people with severe mental illness including health promotion activities
- Provide mental health services under the supervision of the NHS Mental Health Nurse within scope of practice as support worker
- Identify Ngaanyatjarra people who require assessment, support or crises intervention and act accordingly
- Provide advocacy and support services where appropriate as part of the multidisciplinary team
- Work with the Mental Health Nurse and GP's to ensure up to date mental health care plans are in place
- To travel with mental health specialist teams when visiting the Ngaanyatjarra Lands as and when required
- Enter into Communicare all relevant clinical items and follow up recommendations.
- To support the clinic with second on call as and when required and support clinic nurses with outreach clinics as and when required

### **Our Vision**

*Travelling and working together to help people live healthy lives, get better when they are sick, and improve wellbeing of the people living on the Ngaanyatjarra Lands*

### **Our Values**

*Respect – Community – Holistic Care – One Team – Learning – Accountability*



## **Selection Criteria**

### *Essential*

- Qualifications in mental health (for example, Registered Nurse, Enrolled Nurse, Batchelor of Social Work, Certificate IV in Mental health)
- Demonstrated experience as a mental health practitioner
- Ability and commitment to communicate and work effectively in a culturally appropriate way
- Ability to work collaboratively in a multi-disciplinary environment
- Ability to work independently and manage own workload
- Well-developed skills in conflict resolution, negotiation and problem solving
- A knowledge and commitment to quality improvement and clinical risk management
- Current manual WA drivers licence.
- Current national police clearance and WA Working with children card or the ability to obtain.
- Ability to travel regional, remote and interstate on unsealed roads by 4WD or by light aircraft.

### *Desirable*

- Registered Mental Health Nurse, Enrolled/General Nurse with current AHPRA registration
- Credentialed Mental Health Nurse with the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses
- Previous experience working in a remote area Indigenous Health Service
- Experience in the delivery of mental health education / health promotion programs in a community setting
- Current first aid certificate
- Working knowledge of computerised health information systems
- Knowledge of current Occupational Safety and Health and Equal Employment Opportunity legislation.

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