# **Position Description**



# **Provisional Psychologist**

Program	Psychology Services
Location	Wagga, Griffith, Albury, or Mulwala
Employment Type	Full Time (38h per week)
Classification	
Travel Required	Outreach could be required, but minimal.

#### **About Centacare South West NSW**

We are a Catholic Social Service agency of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga and we exist to make a positive difference in people's lives. Our Vision is to empower communities, children, individuals, and families to create change for the better. We do this by creating thriving, resilient and connected communities.

## Our Objectives:

- Community needs are at the heart of everything we do.
- We are a recognised and trusted brand, and a provider of choice for our communities.
- We demonstrate organisational sustainability.
- We foster our Catholic Identity.

#### **Organisational Context**

We are a not for profit, non- government organisation that has been providing professional services to individuals, children, health care professionals, businesses, and families since 1991. We are a member of Catholic Social Services Australia.

We act on behalf of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga to alleviate disadvantage through the provision of services to children, young people, individuals, families, and the broader communities within South West NSW.

#### **Position Purpose**

This position is for a Provisional Psychologist to work within the Centacare South West NSW Psychological Services Team to provide clinical consultations and therapeutic support to individuals and families to address mental health and wellbeing needs. Your role will provide a variety of functions including assessments that identify individual strengths, skills as well as needs.

#### **Position Details**

Reports to	Regional Manager		
Direct Reports	None		
Division	Regional Services and Performance		
Requirements	NDIS Worker Screening Check		
	Working with Children Check		
	Possess an unencumbered driver's license		

#### Relationships

	•	Pediatricians and GPs
External	•	Pediatricians and GPs

	Health Care Providers
	Government and non-government services
	such as Dept. of Communities' and Justice,
	Dept. of Social Services, mental health
	services, alcohol and other drug services,
	domestic and family violence services,
	homelessness services.
Works Closely with	Centacare Practitioners/Psychologists.
	Centacare PBS staff.
	School Wellbeing Consultants.
	Regional Manager, General Manager &
	COO.
	Other Centacare Staff.

#### **Skills & Responsibilities**

These Key Accountabilities align with Centacare SW NSW's strategic and operational goals.

### **Skills & Responsibilities**

#### **Key Performance Indicators**

## Client Support

- Provide psychological services and therapeutic support to individuals and groups, including to children, young people, families, and adults.
- To design, evaluate and assist in the implementation of evidence based Psychological interventions
- Prepare and assist in the implementation and review of individual plans for clients
- Consult and liaise regularly with families, carer's advocates, and significant others.
- Provide care coordination, case management, case planning and review with key stakeholders for effective wrap around support of children, young people, and families.
- Deliver individual, group, and family therapy.
- Provide evidence based and trauma informed therapy to clients.
- Ability to complete case notes and well formulated letters in a timely manner.
- Develop clinical practice knowledge and expertise through active learning within the team.
- Respond to critical incidents identified by Management.

#### Service Quality

- Develop and strengthen Centacare's model of support for people by liaising with relevant key stakeholders.
- Engage in professional and service development activities.
- To Participate in weekly supervision with supervisor.
- Have a commitment to self-care and professional development.
- Collaborate with the multidisciplinary team, partner organisations, and stakeholders to provide the highest possible outcomes for participants.
- Work within the legal and ethical frameworks required by the organisation and the psychology profession.
- Maintain professional records and accurate statistical data in accordance with Centacare standards of practice.
- Ensure clinical and administrative standards are maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Family Law Act 1995 and those of Centacare.
- Monitor, review and evaluate client outcomes.
- Monitor, review and manage client waiting lists.
- Participate in group/peer support activities.

#### Health & Safety

- Adhere and contribute to Work Health and Safety (WHS) by complying with the Work Health Safety Act 2011, and the organisations WHS management system.
- Contribute to and ensure a positive and collaborative culture is instilled within the

organisation.

 Report all cases of suspected risk of harm to children and/or young people as per the Policies and Procedures

#### **Quality Assurance**

- Contribute to continuous improvement processes and adhere to Quality Assurance policies.
- Be familiar with the use of procedures and their relation to Centacare policies.
- Adhere and contribute to Agency policy and procedures. Work to be consistent with the ethos and ethical standards.
- Complete all mandatory learning according to Centacare requirements and induction.

#### Human Resources

- Participate in Centacare's Professional Review and Planning process including reviewing process to better the outcome of young people, individuals, and families.
- Comply with all professional development requirements for maintenance of registration as a Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.
- Undertake any other duties as requested by your manager or Executive.

#### **Selection Criteria**

#### **Essential Requirements:**

- Provisional Psychology registration with AHPRA.
- Demonstrated advanced practice skills and an ability to undertake Psychological testing and assessments covering a broad range of presentations
- Knowledge and ability to use evidenced based psychometric assessment tools, including the capacity to provide psycho-educational and therapeutic group programs to parents, children, families, groups and adults
- Ability to develop and implement treatment and recovery plans for individuals, groups, families and adults as required
- Well-developed oral and written communication skills, interpersonal skills and computer proficiency, including the ability to use client practice management systems.
- Capacity to work effectively both independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team.
- Demonstrate accountability and willingness to take direction and provide written reports
- A strong understanding of policies, procedures and regulations including mandatory reporting obligations
- Respecting and appreciating the cultural diversity of CALD and Indigenous families and their communities
- Maintaining a working knowledge of and adhering to legislation guidelines, policies

#### Qualifications:

Relevant Tertiary qualifications in Psychology-registered with APHRA.

# **Centacare South West NSW Values**

Courage	We are a strong and sustainable service, with good operational performance to ensure we can meet community needs now and into the future. By maintaining governance and performance frameworks that promote quality services and a professional and skilled workforce.
Respect	Along with our engaged staff who are leading brand ambassadors for Centacare we will strengthen our community insight through consumer and carer consultation.
Compassion	Community needs are at the heart of everything we do. We are a leading social service agency providing quality services to the vulnerable, continually increasing services to meet the growing needs of our communities.
Excellence	We are a centre of excellence. We are innovative and adaptable. We have high standards and ensure best practice approach to our service.
? ? ? ) Team	We are a team. We build a positive team spirit. We watch out for each other. We support each other and we celebrate success. As a team, we make a difference.
Faith	As a Catholic Social Service Agency, we are proud of our heritage, spirituality, vocation, and whole-person care. We embed Catholic Social Teaching and social justice which guides our work and provides the foundation for our values. By working with the whole person, as an individual, as a family, as a community and as a unique spiritual being.

Centacare South West NSW is committed to ensure our organisation upholds the Safety of all children and young people and their right to be safe. We are compliant with the recommendations of the Office of Children's Guardian.