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Direct Services Regional Outreach Counsellor/Project Officer (Southern NSW) – Wagga Wagga

Do you want to work in one of Australia's leading organisations providing treatment and rehabilitation to torture and trauma survivors; that's quality focused, diverse & committed to making a difference in the lives of vulnerable people in communities?

Come & join us!

The Organisation

"STARTTS is a not-for-profit Affiliated Health Organisation focused on providing a broad range of services to refugees in NSW. The focus of STARTTS approach is on building capacity and empowering people and communities to take control over their own lives, using a strengths-based approach and building on individual, family, community and cultural strengths."

The Role

This position is part of the Rural and Regional Team and will be based in Wagga Wagga. The position will involve regular travel to other areas of Southern NSW such as Albury and Griffith as well as occasional travel to Sydney. A vehicle will be made available for travel within the region.

Position No: 1069

Closing date: Friday 6th October 2023.

Enquiries: Mark Davis on (02) 9646 6700.

Work Type: Full-time; 38 hours per week. Contract up to 30 June 2026 (Continuation subject to ongoing funding).

Location: Wagga Wagga, NSW.

Salary: Health Education Officer, or other relevant classification based on qualifications, experience and requirements of the role under the NSW Health Awards. A generous salary packaging scheme is also offered to reduce the taxable income and increase the take home pay.

A generous relocation package will also be included.

Skills and Qualifications Required

Essential:

1. Tertiary qualifications in health, counselling, behavioural or social sciences.
2. Demonstrated assessment and counselling experience in a cross-cultural context.
3. Demonstrated understanding of the issues affecting refugees in particular resettlement issues, and the effects of torture on individuals, young people, families, and communities.
4. Relevant clinical group work and training skills
5. Excellent oral, written communication and interpersonal skills and ability to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team within a multicultural environment.
6. Knowledge of the cultures and health needs of refugee communities in Southern NSW.
7. Knowledge and experience in community development, community liaison and advocacy.
8. Current NSW Driver's Licence.

Desirable:

1. Experience in working with children and adolescents in a clinical setting.
2. Knowledge of local communities in Southern NSW and available services.



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*This position is considered child-related employment and will require a Working with Children Background Check and a National Police Check.

COVID -19 REQUIREMENTS

*Category A workers are required to meet and maintain the vaccination criteria (as per the current NSW Health and STARTTS policies) including annual influenza vaccinations. Two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine will be required to provide a record of your COVID-19 vaccination status. Annual Influenza vaccinations are mandatory. Vaccination and/or assessment for several other transmissible diseases are also required.

Category B workers must have two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine and must also provide COVID-19 vaccination evidence if successful. (The annual influenza vaccination as well as vaccination for other transmissible diseases are strongly encouraged but not mandatory).

Should you not be able to comply with vaccination requirements before your commencement date, the offer of employment may be withdrawn.

HOW TO APPLY

To be considered for this position, please ensure you address the selection criteria as thoroughly as possible.

1. Complete a [STARTTS Application for Employment Form](#)
2. Write a **Statement Against the Selection Criteria** outlining how you meet the selection criteria (see the guide "[How to apply for a job at STARTTS](#)")
3. Submit an up-to-date **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
4. Provide copies of relevant Qualifications if applicable (overseas qualification must be assessed by an appropriate Australian body to be considered)
5. Statements of Service from previous relevant roles (if applicable, please ask us for a sample)
6. A cover letter is optional.
7. Email your application and supporting documents to: STTS-Jobs@health.nsw.gov.au

NB: Depending on the role, if appointed, you may need a current 'NSW Working With Children Check' clearance, follow this link for information on how to apply of your check: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/working-children-check/applicant>