

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Position title	Peer Support Team Leader
Location	Parramatta or remote
Reporting to	Clinical Services Manager
Role Type	Part-Time – 0.4FTE
Classification	SCHCADS, Level 5/6

# **Position Purpose**

To support the achievement of Survivors & Mates Support Network's (SAMSN's) business objectives.

Using a trauma-informed and culturally safe approach, SAMSN's Peer Support Line - "Talk with a Mate Who Can Relate" is a 12 month pilot service designed to provide the opportunity for male survivors to talk with a guy with lived experience who understands the common issues male survivors face in dealing with the impacts of CSA, within a society that often inhibits disclosure. Speaking with a mate who can relate provides connections to others who have walked a similar path, reduces feelings of isolation, shame, and stigma and focuses on the way forward to healing and growth.

# **Our Vision**

A world in which male survivors struggling with the adverse effects of childhood sexual abuse can easily access support and find understanding and acceptance.

# Our Purpose

To build a support network that gives voice and agency to male survivors and their supporters.

#### **Our Values**

We believe male survivors can recover from child sexual abuse, support others to thrive and be leaders for change.

- Hope: The courage to believe in what's possible
- Dignity: We honour each other's inherent worth
- Connection: Together we achieve
- Community: Engaging the power of networks for growth

# Position Accountabilities

### The Team Leader is responsible for:

- Lead the day-to-day operations of the Peer Support Telephone line, including rostering, leave approval and risk assessment/management responses
- Develop relevant policies and procedures, in conjunction with the Clinical Services Manager, to operationalize and ensure the safe and effective running of the Peer Support Line
- Develop and implement the core training program for Peer Support staff
- Provide supervision and support for Peer Support staff. This includes regular scheduled supervision and informal support and debriefing during Support Line shifts
- Monitor and review clinical documentation and ensure appropriate and contemporaneous records are maintained by Peer Support staff, to reflect the support being provided to male survivors.
- Assist to establish, implement and record appropriate evaluation data of the service
- Oversight of the alumni portal and support to moderators.

#### **SAMSN Teamwork**

- This position reports to the Clinical Services Manager.
- Participate in relevant learning, development, and supervision.
- Attend clinical and team meetings, as required/relevant.
- As required, consult with the Community Engagement team to assist increase access to the service for priority target populations.
- Comply with SAMSN's Code of Conduct.
- Perform other reasonable work as directed by line manager.

# Selection Criteria

SAMSN is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to ensuring a safe environment for children and young people. We strongly encourage individuals of diverse backgrounds including but not limited to those from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, the LGBTIQA+ community and those living with a disability to apply.

# **Essential:**

- Tertiary qualification (Bachelor's degree) in social work, social welfare, psychology or related discipline;
- Knowledge and understanding of the dynamics and impacts of child sexual abuse across the lifespan, including mental health issues, drug and alcohol issues, and relational difficulties;
- Demonstrated experience of working with trauma informed principles;
- Experience in providing crisis response and telephone counselling services to survivors of childhood trauma:
- Experience with supervising and providing support to staff providing responses to people in distress/crisis;
- Excellent verbal, written and cross-cultural communication skills;
- Excellent organisational skills and ability to manage your own workload including prioritising competing demands and delegate effectively.

# Desirable:

- Experience working with male survivors and understanding of the specific impacts of CSA for men;
- Experience working with peer support/lived experience workers and knowledge of relevant practice and support needs for this population,
- Understanding of the NGO sector;

Successful applicants will be required to have a current National Police Check and a Working with Children Check.

**Please note:** To apply for this position you must be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia.