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Case Worker South West Sydney, WDVCAS

- Permanent, full time (35hpw) – 12 Month Contract
- Bankstown office base
- Community Legal Centre incorporating domestic and family violence services.
- Salary range: SCHCADS L5 \$93,857.40
- Flexible work conditions, salary packaging to increase take-home pay, 5 weeks annual leave (pro rata) plus leave loading, additional leave at Christmas.

We are seeking a Case worker to join our South West Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (SWS WDVCAS) team. You will be part of delivering a best practice, specialist, trauma-informed model of service delivery to women affected by domestic and family violence (DFV) and ensuring an integrated response to women assessed as at serious threat of harm.

About Justice Support Centre

Justice Support Centre is a not-for-profit community legal Centre.

Our legal services include information, advice and legal representation for people in South West Sydney, whose access to justice is denied or constrained, including specialised legal services for victim-survivors of DFV.

Our DFV services include court support and advocacy, safety planning, case management and financial counselling.

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About the role

The WDVCAS Case Worker provides case management support to WDVCAS clients who have been assessed as having complex and serious needs which are impacting on their ability to keep safe and that therefore would benefit from intensive support.

Applicants must have a commitment to empowering women and children affected by DFV, an understanding or willingness to learn the principles of a trauma-informed approach to service delivery, have demonstrated ability to engage effectively with clients from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and have demonstrated ability to engage effectively with clients in crisis. Proficiency in a language other than English is desirable.

This position is only open to applicants that identify as women. Justice Support Centre

considers being a woman a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s. 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Trans women and sisters and non-binary people are also encouraged to apply.

Applicants from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Proficiency in a language other than English is desirable.

Closing Date: Monday 9 October 2023

Contact Person: Enquiries about the role should be emailed to Farah Assafiri, Manager, SWS WDVCS farah@justicesupportcentre.org.au

The preferred applicant must undergo a Working with Children and National Police Records Check.

How to apply for this position:

1. Visit our website <https://justicesupportcentre.org.au/about-us/work-with-us/> for a copy of the position description, essential and desirable criteria and instructions on how to apply.
2. Send your cover letter, resume and a document detailing how your skills and experience meet the essential and desirable criteria to alison@justicesupportcentre.org.au
3. **Please address the essential criteria in full. Applications that do not address the essential criteria will not be considered.**



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Case Worker
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Dear Applicant,

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Our Organisation

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Please see the **position description** and the **essential and desirable criteria** further down in this document.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Read the Position Description and Essential and Desirable Criteria below.
2. Your application should include a covering letter, a resume and an additional document addressing the Essential and Desirable criteria.

The covering letter needs to state:

- The position you are applying for;
- Your current contact details; and

Your resume should detail:

- your employment history including dates and a brief statement of duties for previous roles; and
- your education history.

Your additional document should clearly explain:

- how your skills and experience meet each listed criteria;
- Applications that do not address **ALL of the Essential Criteria** will not be considered.

You should also ensure you are able to later provide contact details for two professional referees (at least one current or previous line manager).

3. Please send written applications to juliane@justicesupportcentre.org.au

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Yours sincerely,

Farah Assafiri
Manager, South West Sydney WDVCS

ATTACHMENT A POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position:	Case Worker
Status:	Permanent – 12 Month Contract (35 hpw)
Accountable:	Manager, South West Sydney WDVCS
Classification:	SCHADS Level 5
Location:	Bankstown Head Office and Liverpool, Fairfield and Bankstown courts

The WDVCS Case Worker provides case management support to WDVCS clients who have been assessed as having complex and serious needs which are impacting on their ability to keep safe and that therefore would benefit from intensive support.

Principle Duties

Case Worker duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Work collaboratively with DFV Specialist Workers to accept referrals of clients for case management;
- Independently initiate, develop, prioritise and review case plans for WDVCS clients;
- Provide trauma informed support, safety assessments, high level expert advice and appropriate referrals for clients in crisis;
- Intake meetings with the Manager or Assistant Managers who are responsible for referral of WDVCS clients into case management;
- Risk assessment, using the DVSAT, and safety planning with clients;
- Provision of relevant information to clients and making warm referrals on their behalf to a range of service providers to assist with their ongoing needs;
- Liaison with the SAM Coordinator to ensure all clients assessed as 'at serious threat' are placed on the agenda for the next SAM when necessary;
- Preparing relevant client information for Safety Action Meetings and attendance at SAMs and court to support case managed clients as required;
- Liaison with clients in relation to Safety Action Plans developed at SAMs;
- Use safety assessments and processes and guidance from the Manager to have safe meetings with clients away from the WDVCS office when required;
- Develop and maintain strong working relationships with key WDVCS partners, including the NSW Police Force, Local Courts, legal representatives and referral agencies, in order to facilitate client access to those agencies and services;
- Undertake tasks at the direction of the WDVCS Manager;
- Undertake internal and external supervision;
- Undertake professional development and training;
- Attendance at relevant community meetings and interagency events as directed by the Manager to work with local communities and services to promote awareness of domestic and family violence and WDVCS services; and
- Compliance with the WDVCS Service Agreement, WDVCS Policy and Procedure Manual, WDVCS Case Management Policy and all other designated WDVCS documents.

General Duties

- Adhere to all Justice Support Centre policies, procedures, principles and service standards;
- Be familiar and comply with all administrative, WHS and Human Resources procedures and processes relevant to your position;

- Undertake training and professional development to develop and maintain skills and qualifications necessary to effectively fulfil your position and as directed;
- Adhere to and work within codes of practice relevant to your role, position in the community and community sector;
- Maintain client and organisational privacy and confidentiality;
- Attend and contribute to regular team/staff meetings and planning activities as required;
- Actively and constructively participate in performance reviews;
- Promote Justice Support Centre in a positive manner at all times;
- Encourage and maintain an atmosphere of harmony in the workplace by promoting and observing ethical practices, professionalism and teamwork;
- Work collaboratively with other team members by sharing skills, resources, projects and ideas;
- Participate in staff development opportunities;
- Maintain a working familiarity with office equipment required within the position; and
- Other duties as requested by the Manager that are within the scope of this position.

Essential Criteria

- Tertiary qualifications and/or experience in social work and/or community services;
- Demonstrated experience in case management and understanding of working with people who are impacted by trauma and related issues;
- Demonstrated understanding of domestic and family violence, its complexities and consequences;
- Demonstrated understanding of intersectionality between social issues and domestic and family violence, in particular the barriers that women may face when leaving violence including women with disabilities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from multicultural backgrounds and members of the LGBTQI community;
- Demonstrated knowledge of the criminal justice response to domestic and family violence including Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders;
- Excellent communication skills, particularly in negotiation, advocacy and conflict resolution;
- Knowledge of and an ability to work effectively with interpreter services; and
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills including ability to undertake all your own word-processing as well as clerical and administrative duties for your role.

Desirable Criteria

- Fluency in a community language other than English; and
- Sound knowledge of South West Sydney and its community services network.

Accountability

Ultimately to the WDV CAS Manager and as directed, also accountable to the Assistant Managers.