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Dear Applicant,

Families & Single Adults Case Manager

Thank you for your interest in the above position with Junction Support Services. Enclosed, please find the *Position Description* and *Reference Check* documents that you will require in order to apply for this role.

The Position Description is an important document with regards to your application as it outlines the key objectives and responsibilities of the role, as well as the conditions of employment. This will help you to identify the skills and attributes Junction Support Services is seeking for this role.

The Position Description also contains information regarding how to apply, and a list of selection criteria. It is very important that you address each of the selection criteria points in your application to demonstrate your suitability for the role you are applying for.

For further information regarding your application, the position or the organisation, please do not hesitate to contact People & Culture Officer, Brittany on 0429 569 312 or 02 6043 7400.

Yours sincerely,

Brittany Pearson

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People & Culture Officer
Junction Support Services

Position Description

Document Control

Program:	Families & Children's Specialist Services
Position Title:	<i>Families & Single Adults Case Manager</i>
Version No#:	06
Probationary Period:	6 months from commencement date
Location:	JSS Wodonga Office
Award:	Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Award 2010 (Victoria)
Classification:	Social and Community Services Employee Level 5, Paypoint 1 (<i>paypoint dependent upon qualification and or/experience</i>)
Hours of Work:	Monday to Friday between 9am – 5pm, worked at 76 hours per fortnight
Tenure:	Fixed Term to 30 th December 2022
Reports To:	Families Program Manager
Prepared By:	People & Culture Officer
Date Approved/Updated:	23 November 2021

Junction Support Services (JSS) is committed to social change and has been working to reduce poverty and homelessness in communities in North East Victoria since 1989.

The organisation is a not for profit community service organisation providing support to children, young people, single adults and families who are disadvantaged through poverty, homelessness, family violence, mental ill health, and drug and alcohol addiction.

Mission

We work with individuals and families to support them to achieve their full potential

Vision

Communities without disadvantage

Goals

- Innovative service delivery
- Secure funding streams
- Employer of choice



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- A positive presence in our communities
- Strong governance

Our Values

Everything we do is underpinned by our core values:

- Equity
- Access
- Participation

Our values are embedded in our organisation and form the basis of our strategic and business planning, recruitment processes, training and leadership development.

We provide trusted human services to our clients by promoting our values to achieve our goals. We ensure our staff treat people as individuals and promote and encourage decision making and community involvement across our service areas.

Our employees proudly provide quality services to our clients in a flexible, honest, fair and confidential manner.

The Families and Single Adults Program is a Specialist Homelessness Service (SHS) providing referral, advocacy and practical support within a case management framework to families, and single adults over 25 years of age, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and/or have experienced family violence.

The aim of this role is to assist families to obtain and maintain safe and stable long term accommodation. This is achieved through effective support plans for each individual family member (including accompanying children), providing practical support where necessary, and connecting families with appropriate support services.

Position Objectives:

1. Conduct thorough needs assessments of families/single adults to develop and implement mutually agreed support plans that will meet identified needs, thereby resolving homelessness and supporting recovery from family violence.
2. Participate in the assessment and development and support plans for all accompanying children.
3. Facilitate and coordinate referrals to alternative service providers, in accordance with identified client needs.
4. Assist and support families/single adults in developing and strengthening their general living skills, particularly in areas of need where services are unavailable.

Organisational Context/Relationship:

The position of Case Manager, Families and Single Adults Program, reports directly to the Families Program Manager.

Internal Liaison:

- CEO
- Client Services Manager
- Families & Children's Specialist Services Manager
- Families Program Manager
- Families & Children's Specialist Services Team Leader
- Other Managers and staff
- Intake and Assessment Worker
- Service Users

External Liaison:

- Local State & Federal Government Departments
- Housing Providers
- Family Violence Services
- Education and Training Providers
- Private rental providers
- Statutory Authorities
- Health Providers
- Homelessness Network
- General Public

Key Responsibilities:

Service Delivery:

- Conduct a thorough needs assessment with families and single adults and their accompanying children upon them entering the service.
- Develop and implement effective support plans for all family members including accompanying children based on individual needs, assisting families and single adults to strengthen their life and/or parenting skills, with an overall focus on addressing homelessness.
- Encourage client participation in the management of their individual support plan, with the main objective being for them to successfully develop skills to obtain and maintain safe, stable accommodation.
- Identify the needs of accompanying children ensuring these needs are included in the families support plan, with a focus on strengthening parenting skills as per child needs.

- Where necessary conduct comprehensive risk assessments on families and single adults experiencing family violence.
- Refer accompanying children to the Homeless Children's Specialist Support Services and work in conjunction with this program as necessary, ensuring that both the primary care giver and their accompanying children's needs are individually addressed.
- Work in conjunction with the Department of Families Fairness and Housing,, Beyond Housing and other housing providers to assist families and single adults and their accompanying children with entering and exiting housing when appropriate to do so.
- Provide support to families, single adults, and their accompanying children in accessing various education or training programs, health or counselling services, legal services and community or parenting groups.
- Provide practical support and assistance in areas of need where no other services are available.
- Ensure that adequate exit planning is undertaken with all families and single adults at the end of the support period.
- Regularly monitor and review support plans throughout the support period ensuring that goals remain current and barriers are addressed.
- Participate in professional meetings relevant to the program, particularly those related to homelessness and family violence.
- Ensure that client rights and confidentiality are maintained at all times.

The Organisation:

- Implement Junction Support Services aims and objectives through competent work practices.
- Keep up to date with relevant developments, legislation and regulations.
- Take responsibility for input into the day-to-day operations of the organisation, as well as policy development.
- Maintain Junction's ideological framework of a strength-based approach to all work practices.
- Comply with Junction's policies and procedures, funding guidelines and legislative requirements.
- Adhere to established protocols and service agreements that exist between Junction and other service providers.

- Follow Junction's Occupational Health and Safety standards, guidelines and practices as required by the organisation. Participate in the identification of actual hazards and manage risk.
- Individually contribute to ensure effective communication occurs within the organisation and that team building principles are applied.
- Participate in Junction organisational meetings, e.g. staff and team meetings.
- Contribute to team building principles.
- Actively participate in monthly supervision.
- Individually contribute to effective communication within the organisation.

Administration:

- Maintain administrative requirements of the program including confidential client records/files, case notes, case plans, reports, government mandated data collection and other data collection processes.
- Provide written reports – for example support plan reviews, court reports, support letters.

Other:

- Actively participate in the Performance Development Framework (PDF).
- Undertake other tasks/duties as required by the organisation.

Selection Criteria:

1. A relevant tertiary qualification such as Social Work, Welfare or Behavioural Science and/or proven relevant experience to this role.
2. An understanding of the issues that may lead to a family accessing the homelessness or family violence system.
3. An ability to adequately assess individual needs in a family context, and develop, evaluate, and update case support plans in relation to those needs using trauma informed practice.
4. An understanding of the developmental needs of children with the ability to use this understanding in strengthening parenting skills.

5. An understanding of the impact that family violence and other complex trauma has on the safety and stability of families, single adults and children.

Benefits:

- 5 weeks annual leave per annum
- 17.5% leave loading on 4 of the 5 weeks annual leave per annum
- Generous salary sacrificing available with a wide range of options
- Annual wage increases (in accordance with Fair Work adjustment or CPI)
- 50 hours or \$500 per annum (whichever occurs first) to contribute to relevant non-mandatory and professional development training costs
- The support of regular supervision
- Access to Professional/Clinical Debriefing for critical incidents experienced in relation to work
- Access to JSS' Employee Assistance Program
- Ability to take all personal leave days as carers leave
- The potential to take leave without pay and unpaid career leave
- 4 weeks paid maternity leave or 1 week paid paternity leave
- Reimbursement for HEP A/B and flu vaccinations
- A supportive environment that includes comprehensive induction and assistance with professional development
- Access to agency vehicles for all work related travel.

Conditions of Employment:

This position is full-time, fixed term to 30 December 2022 worked at 76 hours per fortnight, based in Wodonga. The service is operational Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. The position will require some work to be undertaken outside or normal working hours, but any extra hours worked will be accrued as Time in Lieu. There is no paid overtime.

The commencement salary for this position is classified under the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services (Victoria) Award as Social and Community Services Employee Level 5, Paypoint 1-3. The commencement level and paypoint will be depend upon qualifications and proven relevant experience, and includes the option of salary sacrificing. The terms and conditions of employment are in accordance with Junction Support Services' Enterprise Agreement 2017.

A maximum accrual of fourteen (14) hours' time in lieu applies at any one time and is to be taken within one month of accrual. No more than four (4) weeks annual leave is to be accrued without manager's approval.

Employer superannuation contributions will be paid in accordance with the Superannuation Guarantee Charge Act.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo satisfactory pre-employment checks, including Three (3) professional referees, a criminal records check, Victorian Working with Children Check and proof of qualifications.



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The successful applicant will initially be engaged for a probationary period of six (6) months. A probationary review before six (6) months will be undertaken.

Organisational vehicles are available for authorised use and are to be used at all times for work-related purposes in accordance with the organisation's Motor Vehicle Policy. For this reason, it is a requirement that all employees hold a current and valid driver's licence whilst employed with the agency.

In the event of an internal application, accrued leave entitlements will be carried over.

Applicants invited to attend an interview must bring to the interview their original certificate as proof of qualification.

Application Procedure:

Junction Support Services does not bind itself to make any appointment whatsoever from applications received.

Applications must include:

- a covering letter;
- statements addressing each of the selection criteria points (found above);
- resume/CV detailing employment history and experience;
- a completed Reference Checks form (within this employment pack) providing the names and contact numbers of three professional referees (include current employer/supervisor) who can provide comment on work performance.

Applications must be received by **10am, Tuesday 7 December 2021** and emailed to:

recruitment@junction.org.au

Alternatively, sent to:

Brittany Pearson
People & Culture Officer
Junction Support Services
PO Box 1490
Wodonga VIC 3689

For further information regarding details about the position, please contact the People & Culture Officer, Brittany Pearson on 02 6043 7400 or 0429 569 312.

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***Declaration of Current and Ongoing Capacity:
(To be signed by successful applicant only)***

I have read and understood this Position Description and in signing this document agree that I am capable of fulfilling the entire requirements of the position description as described both in writing in this document and with any verbal explanations in terms of:

- a) The knowledge, skills and attributes required; and
- b) My physical and psychological capacity to undertake the work.

I understand and accept that I must also comply with JSS' policies and procedures.

Additionally, I agree to notify Junction Support Services of any change in my capacity to meet the requirements as outlined in this Position Description, including any changes in the status of my driver's licence and/or my ability to meet legislative requirements such as the Working With Children's Check and police check.

Signed.....

Witnessed.....

Date.....

Junction Support Services is a child safe organisation and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer.



Reference Checks

I, <name>....., consent to any reference checks that may be necessary to support this application.

Please give the names and telephone numbers and of three professional referees whom we can approach for references. These people will need to be able to adequately comment on the specifics of your work performance. Ideally this would be a current supervisor or direct manager, and therefore no personal referees should be supplied. Please note the third referee is required to ensure our recruitment process remains efficient and therefore, they may not be contacted.

1. Name: Phone Number:
Organisation:
Relationship:
(eg, supervisor, manager, lecturer)

2. Name: Phone Number:
Organisation:
Relationship:

3. Name: Phone Number:
Organisation:
Relationship:

I confirm the above referees have consented to act as a referee on my behalf and have given me permission to release their contact details to Junction Support Services for the purpose of this application. I understand that failure to gain the consent of the persons listed above to act as referees and provide their contact details may result in Junction Support Services not considering me for employment.

I further understand that only information which may assist me gain employment or assess my suitability for employment will be sought from the referees, and that such information will be handled in accordance with Junction Support Services' Privacy Policy, including the provision of access to that information.

I understand that any false or misleading information given in this application may render my employment, if I am appointed, liable to termination. I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the above information and that submitted in any accompanying documents is correct.

Applicant's Signature: Date:

How did you hear about this position (*please tick applicable box*):

Internet

Newspaper