



metro assist

## Psychologist

- ✓ **Part time 14 hrs p/wk**
- ✓ **Competitive salary and attractive not-for-profit salary packaging options**
- ✓ **Convenient location based in Campsie, Sydney NSW 2194**

**Metro Assist Limited** (formerly Metro Migrant Resource Centre) is seeking a qualified and experienced Psychologist to be part of a vital service that makes a real difference to the wellbeing of families.

Metro Assist is committed to social justice and empowering our clients to achieve their full potential in life. We provide settlement services, employment support, family services, emergency relief, tenancy advice, financial counselling and undertakes community development projects and initiatives. More information about us is available on our website: [www.metroassist.org.au](http://www.metroassist.org.au)

### About the Role

The primary role of the Psychologist is to improve child and family outcomes for children at Risk of Significant Harm, and individuals and families with complex needs and/or vulnerabilities by;

- Enhancing child safety, parent capacity and family function;
- Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team in the formulation and review of case plans, and effective design and evaluation of services/programs; and
- Provision of consultations, assessments and therapeutic interventions.

These services will incorporate the trauma informed approach to help address parent child relationships and family concerns, in an early intervention and preventative context.

**The salary is based on the SCHCADS Award, and generous salary packaging options are available. The successful applicant will also benefit from ongoing support & supervision, professional development opportunities, flexible working conditions, and access to our Employee Assistance Program.**

### ESSENTIAL SELECTION CRITERIA

- Post graduate qualifications in Psychology or Degree in Counselling.
- Registration with Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the Australian Psychological Society (APS) or Full membership of AASW (Australian Association of Social Workers) or clinical membership of PACFA (Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia).
- Minimum 2 years therapeutic work experience and skills in providing counselling services addressing emotional and/or behavioural needs to children and adolescents, and their families, who may be experiencing known vulnerabilities within the child protection system with children, young persons and families.
- Demonstrated experience in the provision of child inclusive, family-centred, strengths based and trauma informed models of practice, within an early intervention and child protection framework.

- Demonstrated expertise conducting assessments and the ability to adapt standardised approaches to meet the needs of clients with complex needs and/or vulnerabilities and ability to administer and interpret psychometric assessments.
- Proven excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills with an ability to negotiate complex and often sensitive issues with clients, carers, staff and other relevant key stakeholders.
- Strong understanding of child-centred practices for the needs of children, families and people from culturally diverse backgrounds, whilst delivering outcomes within an evidence based framework.
- Knowledge and experience of complex child protection issues within ROSH domain with local knowledge of community services for referrals, and a demonstrated ability to coordinate resources.
- Possess current full driver's license and access to a vehicle with comprehensive insurance, prepared to undergo a Police and a Working With Children Check, and an "up to date" Covid-19 vaccination status.

#### **DESIRABLE SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Bilingual in a community language.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

**Applications close 20 March 2023** and must be submitted to: [recruitment@metroassist.org.au](mailto:recruitment@metroassist.org.au)

Your application must address each of the selection criteria and include:

- A cover letter
- Statement against selection criteria
- A current resume including your full name, postal address and contact number
- Two of the most recent work-related referees stating names, positions and contact details

For enquiries regarding this position, please contact our HR Manager Michelle Aldred n (02) 9789 3744 or email: [recruitment@metroassist.org.au](mailto:recruitment@metroassist.org.au).

**Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. Previous applicants need not apply.**

***Metro Assist is an Equal Opportunity Employer and supports an inclusive approach in the workplace. We celebrate our diversity and welcome applications from all cultures, ages, religions, genders, LGBTQIA+ people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and people with disabilities.***

***All offers of employment are subject to a satisfactory National Police Check, provision of a current Working with Children Check and an "up to date" Covid-19 vaccination status.***

***The successful applicant will be required to provide evidence of appropriate legal rights to work in Australia.***