

Position Description

Psychologist / Counsellor – Flourish Education

Location:	Dakabin High School	Reports To:	Program Coordinator
Award:	Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award, Level 6	Salary Range:	\$87,576 - \$91,438 per annum plus superannuation (pro-rata for part time)
PD Date:	July 2020		

About us

Act for Kids is a prominent provider of free prevention, professional therapy and support services for children who have suffered abuse and support for families at risk. With over 25 centres nationally, we have supported thousands of children and their families for more than 30 years. In 2018 - 2019 we provided services to 46,084 people, including over 31,000 children; a 15% increase from the year before.

Our unique multidisciplinary teams provide integrated therapy, sexual abuse counselling, safe houses in remote Indigenous communities, information, advice and referral services, intensive family support and preschools designed for children with additional development needs to ensure we set them up for success at school.

About our commitment

- Our vision is that all kids have a safe and happy childhood, free from abuse and neglect.
- We are a child safe organisation and all children who come into contact with our services will be provided with a welcoming and safe service.
- We prioritise working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to grow our cultural expertise and deliver excellent services to children, families and communities.
- We endeavour to provide a work environment that ensures the health, safety and wellbeing of all team members is embedded in our everyday work practices.

About our values

At Act for Kids our exceptional organisational culture is aligned to our values. You will be part of a **team** that is **professional, ethical, caring, courageous** and **collaborative** and we expect you to demonstrate these behaviours throughout your career with us.

About the position

- Working in the Act for Kids service in Dakabin to enhance psychosocial outcomes for children and young people impacted by trauma, based on the existing Act for Kids practice framework.
- Providing an outstanding therapeutic service to children, young people and their families.
- Building referral pathways to grow and sustain the business.
- Being a key representative of Act for Kids in Gympie.

Key responsibilities

- Identify and work toward client goals, and achieve successful case outcomes for clients.
- Attend stakeholder meetings for the benefit of clients and develop case plans.
- Maintain up-to-date output and outcomes data for all clients as required by Act for Kids policies and procedures.
- Build and maintain partnerships with local community and government agencies with the goal of increasing Act for Kids' profile in the region and sourcing and developing potential avenues for funding growth.

- Maintain and develop your professional skills, through supervision and professional development.
- Participate in Act for Kids Performance Development processes through monthly and annual meetings with your manager.
- Provide quality, timely reports as required and/or requested.
- Comply with all Act for Kids policies and procedures.
- Maintain confidentiality and privacy in all matters relating to staff, clients, and procedures.
- Fulfil other tasks that your manager/s may reasonably ask you to perform.
- Act as a client/customer focused, values based team member and work collaboratively with other staff to achieve strong results across all activities at Act for Kids.
- Ensure behaviour during all work interactions is aligned to our values of being *professional, ethical, team oriented, caring, courageous* and *collaborative*.

About you

Qualifications

- A tertiary qualification in psychology (with national registration as a psychologist); **or** an appropriate degree qualification with membership of the Australian Counselling Association at a minimum of Level 3 membership.

Skills and experience

- At least two years' experience working with children, young people and their families who have been impacted by trauma or experienced abuse and neglect, or at least five years' experience working in similar roles.
- Experience providing individual and group therapy to children, young people and their families.
- Clinical and therapeutic understanding of the impacts of trauma on child and family functioning and knowledge of current trauma treatment trends.
- Ability to rapidly acquire an understanding of relevant child protection legislation and policy reforms.
- Proven experience identifying and building strategic funding and referral pathways through key stakeholder and partnership relationships.
- A high level of cultural awareness and experience working with families from different backgrounds.
- Well-developed communication, problem solving and interpersonal skills.
- High level time management and case load management skills.
- An ability to use electronic case management and reporting tools and experience using Word and Excel.
- Willingness to work collaboratively as part of the broader Act for Kids team.

Other requirements

- Eligibility for a Suitability Card for Child Related Employment (Blue Card registration) or exemption based on professional qualifications and registration.
- A current driver's licence.
- Applicants must be eligible to legally work in Australia and proof of eligibility may be requested.