



Employee Position Description

Position Details				
Position Title: Service Connector		Department: Community Access & Outreach		Agreement: Community Health Centre (Stand Alone Services) Social and Community Service Employees Multi Enterprise Agreement 2022
Reports To: Manager Community Access & Outreach and Program Manager- Service Connection (healthAbility)		Location: Hawthorn, to Outreach across North East Melbourne.		
Direct Reports: None		Employment Status: Part-Time Fixed term to to June 30, 2024		Classification: SACS WW Level 4 (PP according to experience)
Position Primary Purpose				
<p>Service Connectors will have a pivotal role in providing information and facilitating access to aged care and other community services. They work alongside other community services, Aboriginal, CALD, health and aged care networks and the broader aged care system to identify and engage with vulnerable seniors.</p> <p>They engage with these seniors to support them to access services they need to improve their psychological, emotional and physical wellbeing and remain as independent as possible within their homes or to transition to appropriate residential options if, despite additional supports and services, they cannot safely remain in their home.</p> <p>The purpose of this role is to deliver a care finder service to provide specialist and intensive assistance to help older people with engagement barriers to understand and access aged care and connect with other supports in the community. Service Connectors complement, not duplicate, My Aged Care Channels that provide access support to people who are able to proactively navigate the system for themselves and specifically target seniors who need intensive support who may fall through the gaps.</p> <p>The target population are those who may be eligible for aged care services, however require intensive support to access them and/or other community services. The reasons may range from social and family isolation, no support person they can trust, communication barriers including low literacy skills, difficulties in processing information and making decisions to resistance to engage with services due to past discrimination and/or trauma.</p>				
Decision Making Authority			Key Relationships	
Decisions made independent of Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none">As per the Delegations of Authority			Internal <ul style="list-style-type: none">Manager Community Access & OutreachService Connection and Customer Service Teams	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiate referral pathways internally and externally to ensure people who meet eligibility criteria are identified and supported to access programs Promote the program via a variety of channels Screen for eligibility and undertake client assessments for the program Manage complaints and ensuring compliance with AccessHC grievance process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of Community Access and Outreach Team <p>External</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Manager – Service Connection (healthAbility) Partners Referral agencies Stakeholders Government Representatives
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Key Accountabilities	
Focus Areas	Responsibilities
Grow referral base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build key internal and network relationships to ensure the program is accessible Promote the program to raise awareness amongst community and service networks Reach into the local community to actively identify and engage with potential clients Link with intermediaries such as health professionals, aged care and disability professionals, people within the community and voluntary organisations to support contact with potential clients Develop effective partnerships that provide access to and support client participation in a diverse range of programs and activities Build and maintain effective working relationships with external organisations, networks and community groups
Assertive Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using a trauma informed approach, support clients in successful relationships with service providers Support people to interact with My Aged Care so they can be screened for eligibility Explain and guide people through the assessment process Exploring and establishing different ways to engage and build rapport with potential clients
Support clients to connect, navigate and access services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help people find the aged care supports and services they need and connect with other relevant supports in the community Break down barriers that may impede their access to aged care services Screen clients to ensure they are eligible for the program Enable clients to access other relevant supports such as health services, mental health services, social services, housing and homelessness services, AOD and community groups Supporting clients to understand and navigate service systems Refer clients to appropriate internal and external services Engage in trauma informed practice and cultural safety and evidence-based approaches to improving wellbeing

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Ongoing support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High level check-in with clients on a periodic basis and follow up support after service commencement Provide high level check-ins while clients are waiting on assessments or services to commence
Record keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain accurate records and data as required

AccessHC Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through actions and behaviour, demonstrate AccessHC Values of; <i>Collaboration, Respect, Equity, Innovation Quality</i>
Governance and Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act in accordance with AccessHC's policies, procedures and code of conduct. Maintain updated and valid credentials in accordance with relevant legislation and industry requirement where applicable to the position. Participate in mandatory training requirements to support the delivery of a safe and effective service.
Workplace Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act in accordance with health and safety policies and procedures at all times. All staff are required to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of other personnel who may be affected by their conduct.

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Selection Criteria	
<p>Mandatory selection criteria items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Check • International Police Check <i>(If lived/work overseas in past 10 years)</i> • Working with Children Check • NDIS Worker Screening Check • Current Victorian Driver's license <p>Key Selection Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree in health, social work, welfare work or other relevant qualification • Experience in assertive outreach and engaging with people who are often reluctant to access support services • Experience in supporting clients to understand and navigate service systems • Demonstrated knowledge of trauma informed practice and cultural safety and evidence-based approaches to improving wellbeing • Experience with building and maintaining effective working relationships internally and with external organisations, networks and community groups • Experience in working with clients to identify and support referrals to relevant services 	<p>Attributes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate with people from diverse backgrounds and all levels of the organisation • Discretion and tact in dealing with sensitive matters • Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in a team environment • Strong organisational skills, with demonstrated proficient computer skills in MS Office applications (Word and Excel) • Experience working in community/public health or community-based setting • Proven advocacy and influencing skills • Proven ability develop relationships with hardly reached community members

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Access Health and Community is a Child Safe Organisation.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Access Health and Community actively supports an inclusive culture and celebrates diversity</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>We encourage applications from people with disabilities, people with lived experience of mental health and/or AOD recovery, and people with diverse genders and sexualities</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Access Health and Community actively encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse background</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>AccessHC is a vaccine positive organisation, which supports, and encourages our workers, clients / patients and communities to access the COVID-19 vaccination, and where relevant seek medical advice from a registered medical practitioner regarding the vaccination as it relates to them</i></p>

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Access Health and Community is a provider of disability services and successful applicants will be required to undertake a NDIS Workers Screening Check, WWW Check and if necessary, an International Police check prior to any appointment

Authorisations	
Employee Name: Signature: _____ Date: / /	Manager Name Signature: Date:

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