# **POSITION DESCRIPTION**



**POSITION TITLE** Specialist Homelessness Case Worker, Pathways to

Independence (PTI)

**REPORTING TO** Team Leader, Homelessness Services

**DEPARTMENT** Service Delivery **CLASSIFICATION** SCHADS Level 4

### **THE ROLE**

This role is responsible for the case management of clients of YWCA Australia Homelessness Services in our Pathways to Independence (PTI) program. Working as part of a multidisciplinary team with a Peer Settlement Support Worker, the Case Worker supports older women to stabilize their at-risk tenancies to prevent homelessness and helps women to transition and settle into their new ongoing home and community, after a period of homelessness. The role works collaboratively with other mainstream services, specialist agencies and accommodation providers to achieve safe and secure housing outcomes for clients.

#### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Through client centered and strengths-based case management assist clients to establish
  and maintain a sustainable tenancy in a suitable long-term home, ensuring older women
  who are homeless or at risk of homelessness are safely housed
- Provide relevant support to clients in areas of need, contributing to their ability to maintain stable accommodation
- Work collaboratively within the multidisciplinary PTI team to support clients to sustain longterm tenancies, and with mainstream and specialist agencies to Work with Team Leader, Homelessness Services to ensure obligations are met under contract of service
- Ensure pathways are created for additional support as required
- Develop and maintain strong relationships with service providers to assist in ensuring positive client outcomes
- Maintain strong links with key mainstream accommodation providers and government departments
- Represent YWCA Australia at relevant interagency and sector meetings ensuring YWCA Values are upheld
- Ensure data is collected for evaluation of the program
- Contribute to professional development by attending regular supervision and performance reviews
- Other tasks as assigned

## **QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND ATTITUDE**

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in Youth Work, Social Work, Welfare or Education or demonstrated experience in a similar field
- Previous experience working with people who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness
- Proven understanding of the special needs of marginalized people and the ability to effectively support clients with these needs
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills across a variety of audiences,

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- Demonstrated ability to build and maintain strong relationships with clients, other service and accommodation providers and government agencies.
- Demonstrated experience working with children, and a thorough understanding of child protection legislation
- Proficient IT skills in Microsoft Office
- Possess a current cleared Working with Children Check
- Possess a current NSW Driver's License
- Strong supporter of Women's Rights and willing to push the boundaries.
- Team player with strong interpersonal and listening skills.
- Work with a continuous improvement approach

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