

Position Description



Title	Senior Practitioner Court Intake and Assessment
Business Unit	Children, Youth and Families
Location	Shepparton
Employment type	Ongoing Full Time
Reports to	Team Leader

1. About Uniting

Uniting Vic.Tas is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church. We've been supporting people and families for over 100 years. We work alongside people of all ages in local communities in Victoria and Tasmania. Our services reach to Albury-Wodonga in the north, Mallacoota in East Gippsland, the Wimmera region in the west, and across Tasmania.

We empower children, young people and families to learn and thrive. We're there for people experiencing homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction or mental illness. We support people with disability to live the life they choose. We assist older people to maintain their independence and enjoy life. We provide opportunities to access training and meaningful employment. We're proud to welcome and support asylum seekers to our community. We work to empower people with the information, skills and tools they need to live a healthy, happy life.

As an organisation, we celebrate our diversity and welcome all people regardless of ethnicity, faith, age, disability, culture, language, gender identity or sexual orientation. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as Australia's First Peoples and as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work. We welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, gender diverse, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) people at our services. We pledge to provide inclusive and non-discriminatory services.

Our purpose: To inspire people, enliven communities and confront injustice

Our values: We are imaginative, respectful, compassionate and bold

2. Position purpose

The role of the Senior Practice Court Intake and Assessment is to have oversight of the assessment function for the CMCOP and to contribute to the broader delivery of the CMCOP, within the Magistrates' Court of Victoria at Shepparton.

The Senior Practice Court Intake and Assessment will establish and maintain close working relationships with the SFVC workforce and wider MCV staff. Through these effective relationships the Senior Practice Court Intake and Assessment will and work towards ongoing risk assessment, perpetrator risk management, perpetrator accountability, behaviour change objectives and victim survivor safety.

The role will involve regular liaison with external agencies and integrated response entities to contribute towards assessing and managing risk, including but not limited to, Victoria Police, and RAMP.

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3. Scope

Budget:

nil

People:

nil

4. Relationships

Internal:

- Children Youth and Families programs
- Shepparton Men's Behaviour Change Program
- ReGen AOD services

External

- Court Services Victoria
- Shepparton Specialist Family Violence Court
- The Orange Door (NEMA)
- Victoria Police
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Corrections Victoria

5. Key responsibility areas

Service delivery

- Contribute to a collaborative working environment with the Family Violence Respondent Practitioner as part of the Respondent Practice Team by;
- Supporting staff who are working at the courts and undertaking assessments of Court mandated men.
- Attending and participating in Daily Coordination and Triage Meetings, fortnightly Risk Review Meetings and fortnightly AFM Service Provision Meetings, including coordination and action monitoring of Risk Review Meetings
- Ensure procedures are conducted in line with BPCP standards and Uniting program Requirements to meet funding expectations.

Administration and finance

- Maintain data of CMCOP
- Provide reports to the court when required
- Ensure documentation including assessments, safety and accountability plans and closure summaries are up to date and completed within appropriate time lines

Quality and risk

- Ensure procedures are conducted in line with Men's Behaviour Change Standards and Court Services Operating standards

Personal accountability

- Compliance with Uniting's values, code of conduct, policies and procedures and relevant government legislation and standards where relevant.
- Cooperate with strategies to actively ensure the safety, protection and well-being of children who come into association with us.
- Ensure appropriate use of resources.

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- Work collaboratively with Uniting (Victoria Tasmania) employees and external stakeholders in accordance with Uniting's values and professional standards of behaviour.
- Actively participate in initiatives to maintain, build upon and promote a positive and collaborative workplace.
- Identify opportunities to integrate and work collaboratively across teams.
- Take reasonable care for your own health and safety, and health and safety of others (to the extent required).
- Promote a positive safety culture by contributing to health and safety consultation and communication.
- Promptly respond to and report health and safety hazards, incidents and near misses to line management
- Attend mandatory training sessions (i.e. equal employment opportunity, health and safety) and mandatory training specific to position.

6. Person specification

Qualifications

- Principle Facilitator in line with the Men's Behaviour Change Standards (Graduate Certificate in Client Assessment and Case Management) or willingness to obtain
- Undergraduate in Social Work, Psychology or equivalent

Experience

- Proven experience in Family Violence Intervention and support service delivery
- Sound understanding of the Family Violence Protection Act 2008, Victorian government family violence service system reforms, the MARAM framework.

Core selection criteria

- **Values alignment:** ability to demonstrate and authentically promote Uniting's values
- Minimum one year experience in working in Family Violence service System,
- including at least one year working with perpetrators of family violence
- A sound understanding of the gendered nature of family violence and the issues relating to participants of MBCP.
- An awareness of Culturally sensitive practice when providing services to Aboriginal, CALD and LGBTIQ communities
- A demonstrated understanding of the intersections of family violence with AOD, Mental Health, cognitive impairment, gambling harm and other issues that can exacerbate family violence.
- Demonstrated experience in Group facilitation.

7. We are a child safe organisation

Uniting is a child safe organisation and is committed in everyday practice to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children, at all times. As a child safe organisation, employment with Uniting is subject to a satisfactory national (and international where relevant) police check and Working With Children Check (in Victoria) and/or Working With Vulnerable People Check (in Tasmania) **prior** to commencement of any paid or unpaid work and/or participation in any service or undertaking.

This position description is subject to review and may change in accordance with Uniting's operational, service and consumer requirements.

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8. Acknowledgement

I have read, understood and accepted the above Position Description

	Employee	Manager
Name:		
Signature:		
Date:		