

Hepatitis C Workforce Development Project Officer

This position's role is to develop the Aboriginal workforce's capacity to respond to hepatitis C. This includes education, training, resource development and other workforce development initiatives around prevention, treatment, care and support for Aboriginal people affected by hepatitis C. The position focuses on Aboriginal Sexual Health Workers and Aboriginal Alcohol and Other Drug Workers, the main workforce addressing hepatitis C in Aboriginal communities. The position also liaises with other Aboriginal workers who come into contact with Aboriginal people affected by hepatitis C including youth workers, antenatal workers and mental health workers. The position covers both the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service and the government sector in NSW.

This position aims to assist with the implementation of the recommendations from the 'Increasing Access to Services in NSW for Aboriginal People at Risk of Contracting or Who Have Blood Borne Infections' (click here for link), the National Hepatitis C Strategy (2005 – 2008), the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Strategy (2005-2008), the NSW Hepatitis C Strategy 2006 – 2009 (to be released) and the NSW Aboriginal Sexually Transmissible Infections and Blood Borne Infection Implementation Plan (draft).

In both the National and NSW Hepatitis C Strategies, Aboriginal communities have been identified as priority populations. The Hepatitis C Workforce Development Project Officer will ensure that the priority areas affecting Aboriginal communities listed within these Strategies are undertaken and implemented across NSW.

Project Outcomes

- Improved knowledge of the hepatitis C epidemic affecting Aboriginal communities amongst the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in NSW
- Improved prevention, treatment, care and support of Aboriginal people affected by, or at risk of contracting, hepatitis C amongst health services in NSW
- Support in implementing relevant National and State policies regarding hepatitis C service provision

This is a one year funded position.

If you would like information or support on delivering hepatitis C education in Aboriginal communities, click here scairnduff@ahmrc.org.au