



Position description

Senior Policy Officer – Family Violence Project

Join us in working together to end homelessness in Victoria.

Council to Homeless Persons is looking for a Senior Policy Officer to work on our Family Violence Project. This project seeks to better understand current barriers to short-term accommodation for women and children experiencing family violence, and collaboratively design and implement better practices within family violence and specialist homelessness service intake points.

The role is for a fixed 12 month term at 0.8 FTE. The salary range is \$90,000 - \$110,000 (pro rata) dependent on experience, plus salary packaging.

Organisational context

Purpose

CHP is the peak Victorian body representing organisations and individuals with a commitment to ending homelessness. CHP works to achieve this purpose through providing leadership in policy development, advocacy, capacity building and working in partnership with people who are or who have been without a home.

Vision

An end to homelessness in Victoria.

Guiding principles

CHP believes that homelessness is unacceptable, avoidable and within our reach to resolve. As a peak body and member organisation, CHP prioritises its work to where it can have most impact. Refer to chp.org.au for a [comprehensive list of our guiding principles](#).

Key responsibilities

As Senior Policy Officer – Family Violence Project, you'll:

- investigate and develop policy responses to difficulties faced by women and children seeking accommodation options



- develop innovative and evidence-based policy solutions that contribute to CHP's aim of ending homelessness in collaboration with consumers and the homelessness sector
- develop advocacy strategies to facilitate the adoption of these policy solutions
- undertake research into the policy solutions and service delivery models that are best placed to end homelessness for women and children experiencing family violence and disseminate this knowledge to the specialist homelessness sector.

This role works closely with member organisations, and consumers of homelessness programs, to develop policy positions, and to develop the coalitions of support necessary to achieve change.

Selection Criteria

Qualifications

- Tertiary or post graduate qualification in Social Policy, Social Research, Social Work, Community Development or related field
- Satisfactory Police Check
- Current Working with Children Check

Experience

- Demonstrated experience in a social policy role, with a demonstrated ability to analyse and develop policy, produce high quality submissions, reports and position papers and effectively influence policy debates
- Extensive knowledge of policy relating to human services, including an understanding of the drivers of homelessness, and issues experienced by people who are homeless. Knowledge of the homelessness service system and/or family violence service system desirable.

Capabilities

- High-level verbal and written communication skills with the ability to communicate effectively to a range of diverse audiences
- Ability to interpret, analyse and describe data. Experience in journey mapping desirable.
- Well developed interpersonal and stakeholder management skills

Apply now

For enquiries about the role, or to apply, please contact Damien Patterson, Manager – Policy and Advocacy on 0420 783 594 or at damien@chp.org.au. Applications should include a cover letter responding to the experience and capabilities selection criteria, and an up to date CV. Applications must be received by 9 am, Monday 20 May.