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Mental Health Association of Central Australia
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Pathways Activities Officer

POSITION:	Pathways Activities Officer
HOURS:	Casual roster Monday-Saturday
CLASSIFICATION:	SCHADS Award Level 3 to MHACA EBA
LOCATION:	Alice Springs
REPORTS TO:	Pathways Coordinator
ENQUIRIES:	(08) 8950 4600

ABOUT MHACA

Established in 1992, MHACA is a leading Northern Territory community based, non-profit organisation. MHACA leads the way in recovery focused psychosocial support services and educational programs aimed at enhancing the mental health and wellbeing of people living in Central Australia.

We offer a diverse range of programs to make a difference in the lives of people with a mental illness, and to assist communities and organisations to actively improve mental health and well-being.

MHACA offers a range of activities:

- Individual support to people experiencing mental illness
- A drop-in centre, group activities and peer support
- Mental health promotion to reduce stigma and raise community awareness
- Service Coordination
- Community capacity building in remote Aboriginal communities to support an effective response to the mental health needs within those communities
- Advocacy for improved services at local, state and national levels

Position summary:

In keeping with MHACA's vision, the Pathways Program promotes opportunities and choices for people with mental health difficulties in a supportive and facilitative environment that promotes recovery. It is a welcoming environment offering practical assistance and facilities as well as access to structured social, educational creative and therapeutic programs. The Pathways Program Activities Officer works in conjunction with the Mental Health Recovery Support Team to implement social recreational programs and the drop-in centre.

Key responsibilities:

Role Specific

The Pathways Activities Officer will work as a member of the service area team and will:

- Support people with a severe and persistent mental illness who experience social isolation.
- Collaborate with the peer workers to maintain the drop-in area.



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- Greet participants and make them welcome.
- Increase Community participation by assisting participants to develop new skills, social networks and participate in community activities.
- Accompany participants to community activities and support them to participate.
- Arrange and implement social, educational, and recreational activities which includes appropriate cultural and diverse social engagements.
- Ensuring participants know how to use the facilities – e.g. washing machine, showers, computers etc.
- Ensure all activities meet WHS guidelines.
- Keep accurate documentation including making sure the daily activities and drop-in attendance sheet are filled out and kept up to date.
- Be available to work within a rotating roster including evenings and weekends.
- Must be compassionate, respectful, and patient.
- Be able to work in a team environment as well as individually.
- Actively participate in the organisation's quality, safety, and risk management systems.

Selection Criteria:

Essential:

- Certificate III in Mental Health, Community Services, Disability, Education and/or commensurate work experience in these similar areas.
- A commitment to and interest in working with people who have severe and persistent mental illness.
- Demonstrate awareness of the key issues faced by people living with a mental illness, particularly for people living within Central Australia.
- Ability to develop rapport quickly and support persons who are experiencing mental health difficulties.
- Demonstrate skills in participant assessment, planning and evaluation.
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written and the capacity to communicate well to participants from a range of cultural backgrounds.
- Demonstrate good time management and organisational skills.
- Competent in computer skills.
- Ability to work within a team environment and independently.
- A current NT driver's license.
- Current National police check and Working with Children Check.

Desirable:

- Knowledge and understanding of the National Mental Health Strategy and the National Standards for Mental Health Services
- First Aid Certificate



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The successful applicant will be required to provide a current police and working with children check prior to the commencement of employment.

The successful applicant may also be required to have a COVID-19 Vaccination.

For further information please contact Christine Boocock on (08) 8950 4600.

or

visit the MHACA website on www.mhaca.org.au

Applications must address the Selection Criteria and include a resume and contact details of 3 current referees. Please forward to:

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