



<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Advanced Family Violence Practice Leader (Men's) The Orange Door</b>
<b>POSITION NUMBER:</b>	<b>OD006</b>
<b>POSITION LOCATION:</b>	<b>Warrnambool</b>
<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	<b>SCHADS Level 7 (PayPoint will be dependent on qualification and years of experience within the relevant field consistent with the SCHADS Award)</b>
<b>TEAM /DIVISION:</b>	<b>Orange Door – Family &amp; Individual Support Services Division</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT CHECKS:</b>	<b>Current National Police Check and Working with Children Check</b>

## OUR ORGANISATION

Brophy Family and Youth Services is a quality accredited Child Safe, not for profit organisation, with a community based Board of Directors. Our service provides a wide range of family, youth and children services across South West Victoria. We are a multi – site organisation, and employees may be required to work at any of our sites. These sites are based in Warrnambool, Portland, Hamilton and Colac.

Brophy Family and Youth Services actively values and promotes diversity in our community and affirms our commitment to always be inclusive and respectful to all, regardless of gender, age, race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, level of ability, cultural or language background.

We welcome people who are LGBTIQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse, intersex, queer, plus other sexual minority identities), and are accredited under the Rainbow Tick Standards for LGBTI inclusive practice.

Our values are: Social justice, Professionalism, Empowerment, Responsiveness and Partnership.

## DIVISION AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Family & Individual Support Services Division incorporates Integrated Family Services, Family Violence Programs, Housing and Support Linkages and the Orange Door (including Child FIRST). These four teams deliver 20 programs to a diverse range of people in our community.

The Division's purpose is to build the capacity of vulnerable families and individuals to enable them to self-manage and be the best they can be. A number of key frameworks and models are used by the division's enthusiastic and skilled staff to achieve this purpose. These include but are not limited to: Best Interest Framework, Gender and Trauma Informed practice, Duluth curriculum of Men's Behaviour Change Program, Safe and Together Principles, Motivational Interviewing and task focussed interventions.

## THE ORANGE DOOR

The Victorian Government has committed to implementing all 227 recommendations of the Royal Commission into Family Violence and to delivering on the vision described in Roadmap for Reform: Strong families, Safe children.

A key recommendation of the Royal Commission and the Roadmap for Reform was to establish a network of Support and Safety Hubs ('Hubs') across Victoria to provide a new way for women, children and young people experiencing family violence, and families who need assistance with the care and wellbeing of children to access the services they need to be safe and supported. These Hubs are known as The Orange Door.

The Orange Door is also intended to hold perpetrators to account by planning interventions to address the risk they pose and challenging their controlling, violent and abusive behaviour.

The safety of victim survivors and children is The Orange Door's first priority. The Orange Door also recognises that a gendered understanding of family violence and an understanding of child and family vulnerability are critical to effective services and systems.

The Orange Door will deliver a fundamental change to the way we work with women, children and families, and men. The role of The Orange Door is to provide:

- a more visible contact point so that people know where to go for specialist support
- help for people to identify family violence and child wellbeing issues
- advice based on contemporary risk assessment tools and guidance
- specialist support and tailored advice for victims, families and children, and perpetrators
- connection and coordination of access to support
- a system-wide view of service capacity, client experience and outcomes

## PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ROLE

The Advanced Family Violence Practice Leader (Men's) is responsible for providing practice leadership on risk assessment, risk management and planning for family violence and providing expert advice to the Orange Door workforce in relation to complex family violence cases and perpetrator interventions.

The Advanced Family Violence Practice Leader (Men's) will proactively build specialist evidence-based family violence knowledge and capability across the Orange Door workforce in line with the Orange Door Service Model and Integrated Practice Framework.

The Practice Leader roles within the Orange Door (Support and Safety hubs) play a pivotal role in contributing to The Orange Door leadership and providing expert practice advice utilising relevant theoretical frameworks. The Orange Door operates within an Integrated Practice Framework reinforced by Practice Leaders working collaboratively across the various specialist roles within the practice stream.

All Practice Leaders are expected to consult and collaborate with the broader leadership team within The Orange Door, and to work to build capability across all staff to work effectively with all client.

## RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. Leading and supporting family violence practice by:
  - (a) Providing specialist secondary case consultation and technical input on complex family violence cases and perpetrator interventions
  - (b) Providing specialist family violence expertise to the process of intake and assessment of responses to children's safety and wellbeing
  - (c) Co-working and providing daily specialist family violence support (as requested and required) for team leaders
  - (d) Where appropriate, jointly managing a small caseload of complex and/or sensitive family violence cases
  - (e) Working with Orange Door practice leaders, team leaders, and Hub practitioners where appropriate, to identify and resolve practice issues as they arise, especially where there are issues about family violence cases
  - (f) Supporting practitioners to understand the tactics of coercion, power and control used by perpetrators of family violence and to apply strategies to hold perpetrators to account
  - (g) Operating with autonomy and accountability in supporting specialist family violence practice.
2. Prioritising and approving Central Information Point (CIP) requests.
3. Prioritising and approving referrals to the Risk Assessment and Management Panel (RAMPs).
4. Leading, mentoring and developing hub practitioners and team leaders in family violence practice by:
  - (a) Building capability to deliver specialist family violence responses to victim survivors, children and families and perpetrators, informed by client experience and in line with the Integrated Practice Framework and relevant legislative frameworks (including (including the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 and Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005)
  - (b) Supporting practitioners to engage effectively with those accessing services, identify and assess family violence risk, manage risk and prioritise safety and provide effective services
  - (c) Ensuring Orange Door practitioners are up to date with any developments in the evidence or practice of family violence risk assessment, risk management and planning and perpetrator interventions
  - (d) Providing practitioners with relevant information, resources and tools, to support safe and effective family violence responses as part of an integrated practice approach
  - (e) Modelling and supporting culturally safe, inclusive and responsive family violence practice
  - (f) Modelling integrated practice approaches and behaviours integral to ethical clinical practice, including accountability and responsibility for decision making
  - (g) Supporting professional development of practitioners in partnership with other practice leaders, Family Safety Victoria, CSOs, DHHS, Aboriginal services and other local workforce and training planning initiatives
  - (h) Contributing to reflective practice for The Orange Door team in particular in relation to family violence knowledge and expertise.

5. Liaising with and providing specialist or secondary consultation to organisations and services within The Orange Door network in order to discuss direct service issues and ensure ongoing safety of victim survivors.
6. Working collaboratively with the RAMP coordinators to support multi-agency responses to people referred for RAMP in The Orange Door network.
7. Supporting system and service improvement by:
  - a) Implementing systems and procedures to guide and improve specialist family violence practice, including risk assessment, risk management and planning
  - b) Working in partnership with the Centre Manager, team leaders, and other CSO Managers where appropriate, to foster high quality service
  - c) Fostering and facilitating family violence practice innovation
  - d) Providing sound judgement and authoritative advice on risks, priorities, practice issues and opportunities for service improvements to The Orange Door team, and where relevant the Hub Manager and/or relevant Orange Door governance groups
  - e) Participating in the monitoring and delivery of projects to respond to local specialist family violence practice needs, ensuring they are delivered in accordance with relevant legislation and government regulations and guidelines.
8. Building and maintaining positive relationships with key internal and external stakeholders to facilitate a partnership and integrated practice approach.
9. Managing stakeholders through effective negotiation and influence and harnessing this network to support clients and ensure effective Orange Door operations.
10. Keep accurate and complete records of your work activities in accordance with legislative requirements and the Victorian Government's records, information security and privacy policies and requirements.

## REPORTS TO

The position reports to and is supervised by the Brophy Program's Manager – Orange Door.

## GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Adhere to Brophy's Employee Code of Conduct, and internal policies and procedures.
- Actively participate in all required supervision, annual performance management process, professional development and training activities.
- Participate in and contribute to Brophy Family and Youth Services quality improvement process and other activities to meet service and accreditation standards.
- Participate and contribute to the culture of a Learning Organisation environment.
- Maintain a healthy and safe work environment including supporting the monitoring and management of risk and WHS systems
- Participation in the development of consumer's participation activities within your program and Brophy.
- Demonstrate and commit to Brophy's organisational values and model these on a daily basis.

This position description describes in general terms the requirements for this position to operate on a normal day to day basis. However, these duties may be amended or varied from time to time, within the normal capacity of the role without changing the level of responsibility.

## KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

### Qualifications:

- A Professional clinical experience and relevant qualification(s) in social work, psychology or a related discipline is essential. (Qualifications must be approved by recognised professional bodies: i.e AASW, ACWA, APS etc.)
- A current Drivers Licence.

### Knowledge and skills:

- Works collaboratively to drive cultural change: has a clear concept of the culture required to achieve integrated practice and clinical excellence; designs and delivers innovative practices that enhance integrated practice and promote quality clinical standards; understands how to build and establish effective practice cultures; identifies change required, describes reasons for it and engages people who can deliver the change.
- Expert knowledge and experience working in clinical and social services management roles: has established expertise and capability to lead and embed integrated practice and quality clinical practice; has demonstrated experience in risk assessment and risk management; has demonstrated cross-sectoral expertise in relevant disciplines, including but not limited to a knowledge of the drivers/causes of family violence, child development, attachment and trauma theories; has deep understanding of the role of the law and legal system in the context of responding to family violence and vulnerable children and families.
- Stakeholder partnerships: identifies issues in common for one or more stakeholders and uses to build mutually beneficial partnerships; identifies and responds to stakeholder's underlying needs; uses understanding of the stakeholder's organisational context to ensure outcomes are achieved; finds innovative solutions to resolve stakeholder issues.
- Systems thinking: diagnoses trends, obstacles and opportunities in the internal and external environment; understands the linkages between natural systems and communities to inform policy; conceptualises and defines the systems working within the organisation.
- Self-management: invites feedback on own behaviour and impact; uses new knowledge or information about self to build a broader understanding of own behaviour and the impact it has on others; understands strong emotional reactions and seeks ways to more effectively manage them.

### Personal qualities:

- Relationship building: establishes and maintains relationships with people at all levels; promotes harmony and consensus through diplomatic handling of disagreements; forges useful partnerships with people across business areas, functions and organisations; builds trust through consistent actions, values and communication; minimises surprises.
- Initiative and accountability: proactive and self-starting; seizes opportunities and acts upon them; takes responsibility for own actions.
- Drive and commitment: enthusiastic and committed; demonstrates capacity for sustained effort and hard work; sets high standards of performance for self and others; enjoys a vigorous and dynamic work environment.

- Teamwork: cooperates and works well with others in pursuit of team goals, collaborates and shares information, shows consideration, concern and respect for others' feelings and ideas, accommodates and works well with the different working styles of others, encourages resolution of conflict within the group.

**Specialist Expertise:**

- Demonstrated experience in working with perpetrators of family violence in a community and/or justice system setting.
- A strong knowledge and understanding of the drivers/causes of family violence and child and family vulnerability, as well as the child and family services and/or broader social services sector and their fundamental practices and theories is required.
- Demonstrated experience in leading family violence practice within complex service delivery contexts, particularly multi-disciplinary and multi-agency approaches to the provision of services to vulnerable children, families and diverse communities is required.

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