Weave Youth Family Community
Position Description

Links to Learning (Koori) Project Worker

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Position Title:	Trainee Project Worker
Program:	Students at Risk Links to Learning Program
Reports to:	Co-ordinator

Employment Details and Remuneration

Employer:	WEAVE Youth Family Community Service (Formerly South Sydney Youth Services)
Hours Per Week:	21 hours per week. Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 9.30 – 2.30pm
Status:	Permanent part time
Award:	SACS Award grade 1 year 2 to grade 1 year 4 depending on experience
Salary:	$17.59 to $21.96 plus wage packaging.
Funded by:	*NSW Department of Education and Training*

Project Description
The current Aboriginal Program Coordinator is leaving at the end of the year to teach at a school. We are looking for a worker to train to replace that person. The coordinator has been in the position for the past 6 years and has done an excellent job.

The current Coordinator would work with the candidate to familiarise them with the regular day to day tasks of the job and provide ongoing training. If the trainee is suitable they will be offered the substantive position in Feb 2012.

Program Aim
To assist Aboriginal or TSI young people aged between 12 and 18 who are at risk of leaving school. The Waratah Education Program, assists young people to stay at school or enrol in other education or training courses. Many of the young people we work with have had poor experiences of education and need a great deal of in school support.

Summary of Position
A school based position working both with individual students and with class groups. The program is designed to help Koori students re engage with school and assist them to both deal with behaviour problems and reconnect with learning. One of the primary ways this happens is through projects such as Young mobs leaders program that connects kids with culture. Such things as learning how to do an acknowledgement to country and learning about their native languages.

The workers home base is at the Redfern PCYC with other team members of Weave and the three feeder schools are Matraville Sports High School, JJ Cahill Memorial High and Alexandria Park Community School.

Supporting the participant to develop literacy and numeracy skills, key competencies and provide one-to-one Educational Assistance as required. Provide assistance to coordinator and teachers at the school, preparing and cleaning up classroom including lunches for small class group, and assisting on field trips.

We spend a lot of time developing good rapport and relationships with support staff. We also spend a lot of time building the strengths of students by encouraging respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Culture and by instilling optimism in the face of some difficult life experiences.

Schedule of Duties

1. Preparation Planning and teaching of school curriculum
2. Plan and lead group activities, including field trips, sport and arts.
3. Meet regularly with staff to review course plans and program needs.
4. Develop collaborative programs with the community.
5. Follow the progress of students and keep records of progress as per the funding agreement.
6. Provide yearly report to the Department of Education
7. Adhere to policies and procedures adopted by Alexandria Park Community School, Matraville Sports High School, JJ Cahill Memorial High School and WEAVE Youth Family Community Services management Committee.
8. Engage in Professional development.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginal identified position
- Ability to work with other Koori organisations
- An ability to engage with Koori and TSI young people
- Ability to network and develop relationships and partnerships
- Experience in working with young people at risk essential.
- Good written and oral communications skills
- A commitment to EEO policy and OH&S safety standards, and an ethical practise principles, and a commitment to the principals of cultural diversity
- Willingness to sign the prohibited employee declaration.
- Qualification in youth work or associated field,
- Demonstrate ability to teach high school curriculum
- Previous youth work experience or experiences as an education Officer preferred.

Essential

- Current drivers licence
- Computer skills

Closing date
Wed 3rd of May 2011
If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Shane Brown Director on 95572848 or 0408257986
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