

Specialist DFV Practitioner

QPS Embedded Specialist Model Team – Brisbane Domestic Violence Service



Who we are

Micah Projects is a community based, not-for-profit organisation with a vision to create justice and respond to injustice at the personal, social, and structural levels in church, government, business, and society.

Micah Projects subscribes to the principle of non-discrimination that seeks to guarantee that human rights are exercised without discrimination of any kind based on race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status such as disability, age, marital and family status, sexual orientation and gender identity, health status, place of residence, economic and social situation.

We believe that every adult and child has the right to a home, an income, healthcare, education, safety, dignity, and connection with their community of choice.

Work Health and Safety

Everyone has a right to feel safe at work, and Micah Projects is committed to minimising the risk to any staff member, student, volunteer, contractor, consultant, and Board Member within the organisation. We work collectively to comply with the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

What we do

Micah Projects works to break down barriers that exclude people from housing, healthcare, employment, and meaningful connections, and to give people a voice.

We support individuals and families including children to resolve crisis, break social isolation, have a home, access health and community services, and build a community.

We provide a range of support and advocacy services to individuals and families according to their needs. We ensure the immediate needs of participants are met in a supportive, informed, safe, and respectful manner.

Equal Opportunity

Micah Projects is an equal opportunity employer and promotes access to employment to individuals from a diverse range of social and cultural groups. We acknowledge the First Peoples of Australia as the traditional owners of this land and support their right to self-determination and cultural expression. We recognise that Brisbane is a diverse community and acknowledge the needs of individuals, families and communities relating to age, gender, disability, sexuality, and economic status.

Working together

It is important to Micah Projects that people feel welcome, have choices, and do not experience discrimination when working with Micah Projects.

It is our aim to work with participants, each other, and our partners to respectfully share knowledge, ideas, resources, and skills in order to improve the service for the people we support, and the people who work as part of Micah Projects.

Child Safe and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding

Children and young people are entitled to live in a caring and nurturing environment and to be protected from harm and exploitation. Micah Projects is a child-safe and child-friendly organisation that prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. We actively provide guidance for management, staff, and others in identifying and responding to concerns about the abuse or neglect of a child or young person in contact with the organisation.

We extend these principles to create safe services for all participants we work with.

Micah Projects commitment to vulnerable and marginalised populations

Micah Projects Vision and Mission articulate our commitment to actively engaged with people who are marginalised, vulnerable and in many situations present with challenging behaviour.

Working in Micah Projects you are expected to proactively support this vision and mission whilst balancing the needs of staff to work in a supportive and safe environment.

To do this we actively work together to ensure that staff have the skills and knowledge to understand that many people who access our services do not have the ability to always regulate their emotions. This often occurs when they are frustrated, do not understand what options they have, and are impacted on by substance use or alcohol. The consequences result in staff being exposed to in appropriate and challenging situations which we are committed to providing training and support to problem solve and ensure services can be maintained.

Micah Projects actively wants to adapt a shared responsibility approach for creating a resilient culture whilst providing services to our most vulnerable participants. This requires self-awareness and a proactive approach within our organisational systems. We support staff in understanding the approach and context in which we work. We encourage staff to communicate their needs within this environment and a willingness to engage in problem solving strategies whilst providing support to participants.

Micah Projects provides outreach service in the community, centre-based services and services via phone. Our goal is to always disarm people with courtesy, respect and clear communication recognising that we may not always get it right and will learn from our participants when necessary. We recognise that many participants of Micah Projects have long histories of trauma from childhood and as adults. Whilst this is not an excuse for behaviours that are threatening to others, it is also an opportunity for participants to learn alternative ways of meeting their needs. This is how we implement a trauma informed and sensitive approach to our work.

We are committed to providing a culture of wellbeing and safety for our staff. Employees can access support and guidance internally and externally, as outlined in our Wellbeing Guide.

Position Overview

Position Title

Specialist DFV Practitioner

Team

QPS Embedded Specialist Model

Reports to

Team Leader

Line Manages

N/A

Classification/Award

Level 5, SCHADS 2010

Talkin

Team Leader

Based at

Various QPS Stations

Backup when absent?

QPS Embedded Specialist Model Team

Brisbane Domestic Violence Service

Brisbane Domestic Violence Service (BDVS) is a specialist domestic violence service for the Brisbane metropolitan region. The primary role of BDVS is to provide free and confidential services to women and children, partners in an intimate relationship and family members who are affected by domestic or family violence. BDVS provides a range of services by a multidisciplinary team, in different locations across Brisbane. These include outreach and mobile services that meet people in locations which are safe and suitable to their circumstances, whether that be at home or in the community.

BDVS is funded by the Department of Justice and Attorney General to lead the facilitation of collaboration between agencies and systems, which assist in the protection and safety of women, children and any person experiencing domestic and family violence. BDVS recognises that in order to meet this objective, there needs to be a proactive and integrated approach to supporting all agencies to fulfil their role and responsibility and to ensure the safety in intimate relationships, homes and in our community.

BDVS is committed to recognising diverse relationships, family structures, and unique circumstances of each person's experience in the context of culture, socio-economic status, health and disability status, and sexual orientation.

Position Description

As the Specialist DFV Practitioner you will...

work as part of the Brisbane Domestic Violence Service team, working in close partnership with QPS, to deliver a range of activities aimed at improving the safety of victim-survivors of all genders presenting to police stations. The position will also contribute to improving service system integration between QPS and other agencies.

Note: These positions are embedded within Police Stations, some travel to and from may be required (as applicable).

Stakeholder Engagement

This position as part of a team engages with the following organisations:

- Queensland Police Service
- Queensland Ambulance Service
- Department of Housing
- Department of Justice and Attorney General (Courts & Victims Assist Qld)
- Queensland Corrective Services
- Community Services

Collaboration within the Cluster and across Micah Projects Clusters and initiatives may include:

- Supportive Housing
- Inclusive Health Partnerships
- Home for Good
- Women, Children & Families
- Lotus

Key Responsibilities

Service Delivery

- Promote a culture of respect, safety, and trauma informed approaches.
- Undertake crisis intervention including risk and needs assessment and safety planning to address the immediate needs of the victim-survivor.
- Assist police to engage with victim-survivors by building trust and rapport.
- Promote better understanding of the dynamics of gender, power and control and the ability to identify and promote better understanding of DFV.
- Strengthen the identification of the person most in need of protection in the relationship.
- Promote holding persons using violence to account.
- Strengthen collaboration and knowledge sharing to help build capacity and capability within the police service and across the DFV Specialist service system.
- Promote information sharing practices in accordance with Section 5A of the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*.

- Commitment and contribution to a safe workplace as per the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, including compliance.
- Assist Team Leader to undertake administrative, practice and quality requirements in Micah Projects systems.
- Perform other relevant duties as assigned.

Data Management

- Complete administration and data collection for reporting and updating the participant management systems.
- Maintain a high quality of work with individuals and families as evidenced by well documented case notes and support plans using the organisational database.
- Accountable and responsible for making sure that organizational data and records are accurate, complete, and consistent, and used in accordance with policies and procedures and agreed upon evaluation processes.

Collaborative practice

- Work as a collaborative member of the multidisciplinary team, demonstrating a high level of teamwork, support, engagement, and communication reflecting the values of the organisation.
- Work as an inclusive member of the team, providing appropriate mentoring and guidance as required.

Professional practice

- Participate in all supervision and professional development as requested and to provide input into individual professional development plans.
- Provide high level professionalism, sensitivity, and responsiveness to the needs of internal and external people/partners.

Criteria and Conditions

Criminal History Screening	<input type="checkbox"/> National Police Certificate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue Card
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Card	<input type="checkbox"/> APHRA Registration
Driver's License	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Essential	<input type="checkbox"/> Desirable
Travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Essential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Desirable
Assets Provided	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Computer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Phone
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pool Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Packaged Vehicle

Essential

- Relevant experience and appropriate qualification such as social work, psychology, criminology or another related field, or equivalent experience.

- Demonstrated experience in working with people in a crisis response and case management, including the ability to conduct risk assessments, develop plans around safety, and needs identified to women and men who have experienced violence.
- Demonstrated knowledge of and ability to apply current theory and practice relating to domestic and family violence and a gendered analysis of this issue, including using a trauma informed approach to advocacy and support.
- Knowledge of or ability to learn cross-disciplinary responses to domestic and family violence, including engaging with QPS in a meaningful and professional basis.
- Demonstrated knowledge of culturally sensitive practice when working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background
- Knowledge of or ability to rapidly acquire technical understanding of relevant legislation and regulations specifically; The Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012 Section 5A Information Sharing, the Child Protection Act 1999 and an understanding of the Family Law Act.
- Evidence of effectiveness of communication style, written and verbal skills, and IT competencies (including Microsoft Office and other IT systems).
- Demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity and a working knowledge of equity and WHS principles.
- A positive attitude, and the ability to work flexibly, adaptively, and proactively in a team environment with direction and autonomously within program guidelines with a commitment to the values and principles of Micah Projects to meet community needs.

Desirable

- Knowledge and understanding of *A Call for Change: Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Police Service Responses to domestic and family violence report*.

General Conditions

- All employees are to practice the values of Micah Projects as outlined in the Code of Conduct.
- Appointment to this position will be subject to a criminal history check as outlined in the organisational Criminal History Screening Policy. All employees are required to cover the cost of this.
- All employees are to have valid working rights in Australia.
- All employees must utilise Micah Projects systems to facilitate the quality of the organisation's work and services. This includes, but is not limited to, Microsoft Office suite, Quality, Human Resource, Finance, Data, and Case Management Systems.
- Employment in this position is subject to continued funding.
- Employment may involve work or training outside of normal business hours.
- All employees will comply with Workplace Health and Safety legislation as outlined in organisational policy and procedures.
- All employees are required to engage in support and coaching through the organisational performance development system.

Acknowledgement

I have read this Position Description and understand the requirements and responsibilities of this position as part of my employment with Micah Projects

Employees Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

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