



## Position Description

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Senior Consultant Psychologist</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Tarragindi and Virtual office
<b>STATUS:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Consultant</b>
<b>TENURE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary / Fixed Term <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Hours – No of Hours/Week: (Avg) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Varying Hours – No of Hours / Week: Max. 8hrs if a full-clinic day is worked within a week period. There is approximately 25 Clinic Days per year involving psychology services to be shared with current psychologists on the team.
<b>COVERAGE:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultancy Agreement. Consultant is responsible for own superannuation, taxation and insurances etc. ABN required.
<b>PAY LEVEL:</b>	\$350 per week based on an assumption of eight hours worked per week

### ORGANISATIONAL ENVIRONMENT / OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

SKIP (Support Kids In Pain) is Australia's first not-for-profit organisation which provides support and education to children living with chronic pain and their families.

Chronic pain, such as post-cancer, post-surgical, musculoskeletal, headaches and abdominal pain, if left untreated places a significant burden upon children during a vitally important period of growth and development. It affects personal, emotional and social development and can severely impact quality of life as well as place great strain on families. SKIP's team is comprised of highly skilled and dedicated specialists who provide a comprehensive pain assessment and management program.

The SKIP Team consists of:

- Pain Physician
- Clinical Coordinator
- Physiotherapist
- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Art Therapy Practitioner
- Administration Officer
- Health Promotion Officer
- Grants Officer

## KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Provide clinical psychology services to assist in the function of the SKIP Persistent Pain Clinic including:
  - Assessment of psychological factors contributing to a child's complex persistent pain problem
  - Delivery of safe evidence-based psychological interventions for the treatment of persistent pain, mainly in the context of group work and individual parent education.
  - Formulation of key recommendations in collaboration with the SKiP multidisciplinary team
  - Deliver high standard of clinical care in person and over telehealth
- Utilise expert clinical reasoning skills in determining the best pathway for individuals and families requiring further psychological services.
- Work effectively within an inter-professional model of service delivery.
- Work collaboratively with psychology team members to ensure staff roster is fulfilled.
- Participate in quality improvement which include development and review of group session plans, resources and handouts.
- Be able to work in a community setting and utilise cloud office solutions for administrative tasks
- Assist with set up and pack up of clinic from physical Tarragindi location.
- Participate in SKiP's health promotion involving website, newsletter and other media.
- Advise SKiP on issues relevant to psychology and persistent pain treatment of children and families.
- Identify professional development needs specific to psychology and persistent pain practice.
- Contribute to SKiP professional education as part of raising paediatric persistent pain awareness.
- Contribute to SKiP's fundraising initiatives.
- Attend service planning meetings held usually 1-2 times a year and occasional team meetings for shared inservice.

### RELATIONSHIPS:

- Pain Physician
- Clinical Coordinator
- Maintains effective relationship with SKIP team and SKIP Board

### REPORTS TO:

- Clinical Coordinator

### SUPERVISORY:

- Volunteers and Students

## INCUMBENT REQUIREMENTS:

### Competencies:

- Demonstrated understanding of the issues affecting children and adolescents with persistent pain and ability to apply a biopsychosocial framework to pain assessment and treatment.
- Expertise in paediatric and family psychology including the role of family systems and parenting.
- Demonstrated experience in delivering cognitive-behavioural approaches, acceptance-based approaches, stress management, relaxation training and depression and anxiety management to younger populations.
- Demonstrated skills in group therapy facilitation.
- Demonstrated commitment to team based recommendation which are child/family-centred and reinforce the self-management approach for pain management.
- Demonstrated understanding of other allied health disciplines and their roles within the multidisciplinary team.
- Ability to plan and organise sessions, lead group therapy session, set priorities and outcomes for each session, and report skilled observations.
- High level interpersonal oral and written communication skills with a broad range of stakeholders.
- Demonstrated skills in information technology, telehealth, cloud and Microsoft office.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a community setting with limited supervision and resources.

**Knowledge / Qualifications:**

- Possession of an Australian Psychological Society (APS) accredited postgraduate qualification in clinical psychology and/or an endorsement in clinical psychology would be highly considered
- Post graduate experience and or demonstrated professional development in the area of persistent pain and/or paediatrics is desirable
- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

**Work Experience:**

- Demonstrated experience working with paediatric and adolescent populations with persistent pain and/or chronic health conditions.
- Demonstrated experience in rapport building with young people and working therapeutically with parents, families and significant others to ensure the best outcomes for the child or young person.
- Previous experience working in a multidisciplinary setting desirable.
- Previous experience facilitating group programs desirable.

**How to Apply:**

- A short response statement (1-2pages) outlining how your experience, abilities, knowledge and personal qualities would enable you to achieve the key accountabilities and incumbent requirements.
- Your current CV or resume, including 2 referees. Current/most recent line manager is essential.
- Submit via email to [huong@skip.org.au](mailto:huong@skip.org.au)