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**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – BEYOND VIOLENCE PROGRAM FACILITATOR**

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Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women who use force: a trial of a prison-based intervention (Beyond Violence)

**About the Beyond Violence Project:**

The Beyond Violence (BV) study is a collaboration between leading Australian and North American researchers involving a trial of a gender-specific and trauma-informed intervention (Beyond Violence) developed for women convicted of violent offences. Beyond Violence targets substance use, mental health (including PTSD) and women's experiences around violence. The study will implement and evaluate this innovative and intensive multi-component prison-based intervention among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women prisoners with histories of violence.

The BV research team are currently seeking a female facilitator for approximately fifteen hours a week (or two full days). The facilitator will be primarily responsible for the delivery of the Beyond Violence program to incarcerated female offenders in Bandyup Women's Prison in Western Australia with a co-facilitator. The program is delivered in 10 week blocks with two separate program groups run per week (a morning program and an afternoon program over two days). The role includes the below duties:

- Engage in Beyond Violence training as required.
- Deliver the therapeutic group content of Beyond Violence to women in prison, in consultation and collaboration with the researchers.
- Deliver Beyond Violence in a way which ensures fidelity to program content, but flexibility to the Australian context and prisoner population.
- Agree to periodic evaluation of program facilitation to ensure program fidelity.
- Record session attendance.
- Follow established research and prison protocols in relation to safety of self and participants.
- Follow established research and prison protocols in relation to referral of participant in the case of identified distress.
- Enter data consistently and accurately.
- Liaise with Corrective Services staff.

- Report to the research team.
- Administrative duties as required.

### **Selection Criteria**

The following qualifications/skill set is required for this position:

- Registered Psychologist with the Australian Health Practitioners Registration Authority (AHPRA) (general, clinical or forensic) OR Social Worker registered with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) with clinical experience.
- Experience in and ability to demonstrate effective skills in group facilitation - managing groups and group dynamics.
- Demonstrated ability to confidently speak publicly and/or deliver training programs confidently.
- Experience working with the Aboriginal community and demonstrated knowledge of cultural issues.
- Experience working within a trauma informed framework and/or demonstrated knowledge of the area.
- Knowledge of the impact of family violence on adult survivors and specifically, as related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.
- Understanding confidentiality and maintaining confidentiality.
- Ability to take instruction and feedback from the research team.
- Current Police clearance and willingness to obtain Department of Justice clearance.
- Current driver's license and access to a car.

Women of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

If you wish to know more about the position, you are welcome to contact Mandy Wilson ([mandy.wilson@curtin.edu.au](mailto:mandy.wilson@curtin.edu.au)) or Debby Olow ([deborah.olow@curtin.edu.au](mailto:deborah.olow@curtin.edu.au))