

## Volunteer Youth Mentor

### Who we're looking for:

Anchor is on the look-out for a volunteer to take on a live-in mentoring role. If you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of young people, we would love to hear from you!

### What you'll be doing:

You will provide guidance and mentoring supporting to up to five young people. You will be a positive role model to the young people and, ideally, you will:

- Have an understanding or willingness to learn about adolescent development.
- Have good independent living skills and can promote these with young people.
- Understand youth issues.
- Have the capacity to build strong rapport and communicate effectively with young people.
- Have a genuine interest in supporting young people.

### Program Overview:

Located in Pakenham, our program is an out-of-home care placement option providing medium-term accommodation and support to young people who have been placed away from the care of their families by Child Protection.

### What's in it for you?

As a Volunteer Youth Mentor, you will be provided with rent-free and self-contained accommodation at our Pakenham residence. You will receive a weekly honorarium that you can use for your other living expenses.

### About Anchor:

We assist some of the most vulnerable in our community through services including homeless support, foster care, kinship care, community education and family reconciliation. Our services help people affected by crisis and trauma to restore relationships, get the support they need, and take charge of their futures. We also work proactively to create stronger and more resilient communities by building local partnerships, educating community leaders and setting up grassroots initiatives. For more information check out our website: - <https://www.anchor.org.au/>

### Next steps:

We want to know why you would love to volunteer with Anchor and what you can bring to this role. Please apply today and tell us why you would be the perfect fit for us! Please call Helen Voogt-Dillon, Executive Manager – People and Culture if you would like to learn more about this opportunity on mob: 0412 616 173.

**This role will commence as soon as possible.**

Please note that successful candidates will be required to meet the following screening requirements:

- Criminal History Check
- Working With Children Check

## **Statement of Commitment to Child Safety and Wellbeing**

***Anchor has zero tolerance for abuse, neglect or harm of children. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children participating in our programs and the welfare of children is always our first priority.***

***We create environments where all children and young people are valued, empowered and feel safe.***

*Anchor recognises the history and impact of white settlement upon our First Nations people and ensures the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Anchor understands and addresses additional barriers faced by children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Anchor acknowledges that children with a disability and LGBTQI+ children have additional vulnerabilities and Anchor responds to their individual needs to ensure their inclusion, empowerment and wellbeing.*

*Anchor reserves the right to commence recruitment proceedings immediately. This opportunity is only open to candidates with appropriate legal working rights within Australia. Anchor recognises the benefits of a diverse workforce. We celebrate and respect our people's differences and are committed to being inclusive. We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and persons with a disability to apply. Anchor recruits' staff in accordance with the Child Safe Standards Victoria.*

***"We are a 2024 Circle Back Initiative Employer – we commit to respond to every applicant."***