



Play and creative therapist. Job description

Summary:

The role will be based in schools and completing some after school sessions at our centre in Bracknell. It will involve working directly with children on a one-to-one basis term time only. It will also involve liaising with parents and teachers, setting up regular follow up meetings, and writing reports.

The role requires workers to have completed our diploma level 5 in integrative play and creative therapy or an alternative accredited qualification in play, creative or art therapy with a minimum of 200 clinical hours experience.

Job title:

- Play and Creative therapist

Location:

- Local primary schools, minimum of 2 children per school and maximum of 6.

Main objectives of job:

- To provide play and creative therapy sessions to children impacted by emotional, social and economical struggles.
- To work one-to-one with children offering emotional support.
- To identify needs of local families.
- To come alongside parents and offer emotional support and encouragement.
- To work alongside partner agencies e.g. voluntary & statutory to ensure the provision of appropriate and effective services.
- To build relationships with teachers, parents and professionals involved with children, empowering and encouraging them on their journey.
- To carry a personal caseload, therapeutic intervention programmes according to expertise.
- To make effective use of time and be able to prioritize workloads.
- To contribute to the development of services to children and families by attending and contributing positively to team meetings.
- To promote and raise awareness of the charities work locally.

Main duties:

- To deliver one-to-one play therapy sessions to identified children in local primary schools and at our centre in Bracknell.

- To build relationships with families, schools, and professionals involved with child, to ensure child's needs are met.
- To attend and facilitate regular meetings between school and parents to feedback on the support offered and reviewing the impact and next steps.
- To attend monthly clinical supervision, preparing and sharing information on clients seen.
- Maintain records on each client using our inhouse CRM (Jabez). Maintain confidentiality and data protection.
- Complete written reports and obtain initial and follow up RESTORE/outcomes measure scores.
- To ensure therapy rooms are kept clean, tidy and consistently presented for all clients.
- To promote workshops and additional support services to families and schools.
- To attend termly management supervision with operations lead.
- To attend prayer meetings and/or share prayer requests with operations lead.
- To attend termly team meetings and input into raising awareness and gaps in services through your relationship building with schools, agencies and families.
- To organise and maintain therapeutic tool kit, requesting additional replenishable items when needed and reporting any damages incurred.
- To attend CPD training offered through Create Hope and share areas for development.

Skills/qualifications:

- Must have completed our Diploma level 5 in Integrative play and creative therapy or an alternative accredited qualification in Play, art or creative therapy.
- Must complete level one safeguarding training.
- Good communication skills, ability to work well within a team and also under your own initiative.
- Experience of working with children and/or in schools.
- Passion to see people's lives changed.
- Good people skills, approachable manner, and willingness to invest time into people's lives.
- Understanding of and commitment to the requirements of safeguarding children, young people and families.
- Commitment to equal opportunities and Anti- Discriminatory Practice
- Car Owner - driver
- Able to work outside office hours.
- Ability to work flexible to meet the needs of the charity. Flexible hours to include outside school hours.
- Basic IT skills
- Able to fulfill Create Hope's ethos through their role.