

Youth Worker

Program: Late Night Drop In

Location: Riverwood Community Centre, 151 Belmore Road North Riverwood NSW 2210

Responsible to: Youth Team Leader

Key Relationships: Manager Child Youth and Family Services, Youth Team Leader & Youth Case Worker

Position Type: Casual

Job Description:

Co-facilitate the Riverwood Community Centre Late Night Drop-In which operates fortnightly on Thursdays from 5.30pm – 9.00pm for vulnerable young people in the Riverwood and surrounding areas. This includes providing supervision and engaging with young people, organising and participating in activities and workshops, overseeing the preparation and provision of food and offering general support for young people aged 12 – 17 years.

Position Objective:

The objective of this position is to provide a safe, engaging and enriching environment for vulnerable young people who participate in Late Night Drop-In.

Requirements of the job:

Skills required:

- Ability to utilise a professional approach to engage with young people and to maintain professional boundaries
- Ability to provide direction, guidance and support to vulnerable young people by modelling as a responsible adult
- Ability to deliver culturally appropriate practice when working with young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Ability to confidently challenge inappropriate and/or unsafe behaviour and the capacity to provide alternatives
- Ability to successfully negotiate, mediate and advocate for young people
- Ability to work effectively with minimal supervision, prioritise tasks and meet deadlines

Knowledge required:

- Knowledge and understanding of the challenges facing young people
- An understanding of the need for culturally competent practice when working with young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

- Knowledge of the range of services available to support and assist vulnerable young people
- Knowledge of Child Protection and Occupational Health Safety & Welfare Legislation

Essential Criteria:

- Associate Diploma in Youth Work or Community Service
- Ability to build rapport and motivate young people
- Well-developed oral and written communication skills
- An understanding of the issues facing vulnerable young people
- Experience working with vulnerable young people
- Ability to demonstrate competent practice regarding professional boundaries
- A current NSW Working with Children Check

Desirable:

- Experience in developing and implementing group activities
- Current First Aid Certificate

Responsibilities & Duties:

At all times the youth worker must maintain awareness of, and comply with the procedural and policy conduct guidelines for working with young people both within and outside of the organisational environment, for example, during transport and whilst away from the Centre.

In addition this position is responsible for:

- Providing direction, guidance and role-modelling on appropriate behaviour and communication skills, and challenging those that are unsafe or inappropriate
- Assisting young people to actively participate in their communities
- Demonstrating safe, effective and positive approaches to conflict resolution
- Recording incidents, service delivery issues and relevant household events in the appropriate locations/format(s)
- Maintaining organisational policies and procedures

Organisational Relationships

The Youth Worker is responsible and reports directly to the Youth Case Worker & Service Team Leader, and is accountable to the centre CEO.

Background Checks:

Working With Children Check
Police Criminal History Check