

JOB DESCRIPTION

Title:	Project Worker (full-time)
Location:	Dublin
Project:	Intensive Home Support Service
Reporting to:	Team Leader
Primary Purpose:	To work intensively with high needs young people and their families with the aim of keeping young people at home or supporting a return home. To promote positive family relationships, provide practical and emotional supports, to address and reduce conflict within the family, to connect families to other relevant support services, to improve level of engagement with education, training, employment and the community.

Key Responsibilities

1. To work within the overall framework and aims and objectives of Focus Ireland.
2. To work in collaboration with Tusla social work departments and a range of other core services and agencies to facilitate the delivery of a comprehensive support package.
3. To ensure comprehensive needs assessments are carried out for all young people and their families and that a detailed support plan is produced outlining how their needs will be met.
4. To work directly with young people and their families in their homes and communities to help them implement the goals set out in their support plans.
5. To engage in solution-based goal-setting with young people and their families to help them develop skills to deal with both current and future situations.
6. To use a range of interventions and strategies with young people and their whole family. These may include assessment and goal-setting, case management, advocacy, counselling, mediation, practical supports. Some interventions will be

accessed externally.

7. To advocate on behalf of young people to achieve their rights and entitlements and/or to access other support services, such as mental health services, disability services, drug services.
8. To participate in relevant interagency network.
9. To network and develop effective working relationships with other services and to make referrals to these services, where appropriate.
10. To have full responsibility for all record keeping and ensuring that all procedures are followed in line with best practice, legal requirements and Focus Ireland policies and procedures.
11. To attend and contribute to meetings and reviews as required.
12. To implement the policies and procedures of Focus Ireland including Health and Safety in the workplace.
13. To engage in supervision sessions on a regular basis with the Team Leader.
14. To participate in relevant training and development courses as agreed with your Project Leader.
15. To undertake such other duties as might be reasonably assigned from time to time in consultation with the Project Leader.

Criteria: Project Worker

Essential

- A Third Level qualification at degree level in the field of social care or a related field.
- Experience of key-working and case management.
- Experience of managing challenging behaviour.
- Experience of lone-working.

Desirable

- A knowledge of and/or experience of working with young people in care or who have experienced homelessness.
- Experience of inter-agency working.

- Proficiency with Microsoft Office.
- Own transport

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