

JOB DESCRIPTION

Title:	Project Worker
Project:	Crisis Intervention Service Partnership (CISP)
Reporting to:	Social Work Team Leader
Primary Purpose:	To undertake individual work with young people referred to the Crisis Intervention Service. Specifically, to assess their needs, to advocate on their behalf, to provide support and make appropriate referrals on their behalf. CISP is a partnership service between Focus Ireland and Tusla. To liaise with Social Work departments as required to secure best outcomes for children and young people.

Key Responsibilities:

1. To work within the framework of the overall objectives of Focus Ireland.
2. Work as a part of a multi-disciplinary / multi agency service.
3. To use a flexible approach in engaging young people with their individual needs, taking into consideration group dynamics.
4. Advocate on behalf of young people.
5. To work within a rota covering Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.
6. To help facilitate meeting the immediate care needs of children and young people in consultation with relevant social work departments.
7. Contribute to the formulation of a young person's care plan.
8. Provide one to one engagement to ensure that the young person reflects on their situation and is supported in making informed decisions.
9. To work with the significant persons in the young person's life to address the issues of difficulty that have contributed to the young person being out of home.
10. To accompany and provide support to young peoples on appointments to other services eg doctors, counsellors, social workers etc.

11. Plan, develop, implement and evaluate specific targeted group work programmes.
12. Be responsible for keeping up to date case work records, written assessments and inputting information on the Service database
13. To receive work load and direction from the Team Leader of the C.I.S.
14. Be accountable to the Team Leader for work allocated
15. Attend and contribute to meetings and reviews as required and follow up on decisions made
16. To implement the policies and procedures of the both the Project and Focus Ireland, inclusive of Health and Safety policy now and in any amendments in the future.
17. To attend team, sectional, divisional and any other organisation meetings as required
18. To 'lone work' with individuals and families within the community, including people's homes and/or other remote locations, and to adhere to the Lone Working policy and guidance including localised systems in place within the Project(s).
19. Engage in supervision sessions on a regular basis with the Project Leader.
20. To participate in relevant training and development courses as agreed with your Project Leader.
21. Undertake such other duties as might be reasonably assigned from time to time in consultation with the Project Leader.
22. Be vigilant to any Health, Safety and Welfare risks in the workplace and bring any concerns to the attention of your line manager or Health & Safety Representative

Essential criteria:

- Third level degree in the area of Social Care or a related discipline
- At least 2 years' experience in the social care field at this level