

JOB DESCRIPTION

Title:	Project Worker
Section:	Young Peoples Care Services
Service:	Aftercare Support and Settlement
Location:	Kilkenny City and Clonmel Town.
Reporting to:	Project Leader
Primary Purpose:	To provide support and settlement services to young people leaving care or who are in the process of settling into a new home

Key Responsibilities

1. Work within the framework of the overall objectives of Focus Ireland.
2. To undertake work with an agreed number of individuals in the community and to provide appropriate supports
3. To prepare young people for leaving care by developing an Aftercare Plan and implementing the plan jointly with the young person's social worker.
4. To prepare young people gradually and holistically, paying attention to their practical, self-care needs, health, budgeting, and domestic skills, as well as their psychosocial needs.
5. To assist young people in finding suitable accommodation.
6. To ensure that young people leaving care receive their full income entitlements, if applicable.
7. To inform young people leaving care of the available services.

8. To maximise the education, training and employment outcomes for young people leaving care.
9. To monitor the progress of young people who have left care.
10. To make contact with local services and relevant community groups in different areas relevant to the needs of the Young Person.
11. To establish effective links as is appropriate between Focus Ireland and such groups
12. To develop resource materials with the assistance of other team members, on services in local areas.
13. To liaise with and inform the Project Leader on a regular basis, of issues arising from work with individual cases
14. To engage in supervision sessions on a regular basis with the Project Leader
15. To keep accurate records and statistics
16. To implement the existing policies and procedures of the project and of Focus Ireland
17. To work in close liaison and co-operation with TUSLA and other Focus Ireland Services
18. To participate in relevant training and development courses and in project evaluation
19. To attend and contribute to Team, Section, Divisional and Agency meetings as required
20. To undertake such other duties as might be reasonably assigned from time to time in consultation with the Team Leader, Section Manager or Divisional Head of Services
21. To 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

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Criteria: Project Worker - Aftercare

Essential

- Extensive relevant experience working with young people in care or marginalised young people.
- Third level qualification to degree level in social care or related field.
- Proven experience of key-working clients or individual case-work.
- Experience of managing challenging behaviour.
- Full clean driving licence

Be able to demonstrate:

- Good understanding of the issues affecting young people leaving care and in aftercare.
- Flexibility.
- Understanding of Child Protection