

Government of Western Australia Department for Child Protection and Family Support

# **JOB DESCRIPTION FORM**

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## **SECTION 1 – POSITION IDENTIFICATION**

Position number:	Generic			
Title:	Residential Care Worker			
Classification:	Level 2			
Directorate:	Country Services			
Division:	Therapeutic Care Services			
Section:	Residential Care Services			
Award/Agreement:	Public Service Award 1992; relevant Public Service and Government Officers			
	General Agreement			
Location of position:	Various Metropolitan locations			

## **SECTION 2 – REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS**

POSITION TITLE	CLASSIFICATION
Assistant Director	Specified Calling Level 4



August 2016

Reports to Level 6 / Manager / Senior Manager Specified Calling Level 3 Reports to

This position

# POSITIONS UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION:

Title	Classification

Level 2

### **SECTION 3 – DEPARTMENT VALUES**

•	We value respect	•	We value teamwork
•	We value openness	•	We value responsiveness

# **SECTION 4 – STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Residential Care Worker is responsible for:

- Working as a member of a team to achieve best outcomes for children and young people. ٠
- Providing group and individual therapeutic residential care to children and young people. •
- Assisting in planning, developing and implementing activities for children and young people. •

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# **SECTION 5 – KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

No	Key Responsibility Area and Related Duties
1.	<ul> <li>Work with children and young people</li> <li>As a flexible and reliable team member, provides therapeutic residential care to groups and individual children and young people within the Department for Child Protection and Family Support Therapeutic Care Services Framework.</li> <li>Creates and maintains a safe and caring environment for children and young people, including taking physical control when necessary, according to specified standards.</li> <li>Plans, coordinates and participates in daily life and recreactional activities with children and young people to promote positive growth and development.</li> <li>Works therapeutically with children and young people who at times display challenging behaviour, in a way that is consistent with a team approach.</li> <li>Contributes to the daily routine and activities of children and young people and provides a high level of care, engagement and supervison (inclusive of supervising around swimming pools etc where applicable)</li> <li>Follows up on outstanding tasks and contributes toward identified outcomes for children and young people.</li> <li>Provides accurate written case notes and recording of activities and critical incidents to assist with the record keeping and meet statutory requirements.</li> </ul>
2.	<ul> <li>Other duties</li> <li>Liaises with Department, government and non-government agencies and family members when appropriate or required.</li> <li>Performs administrative duties including data entry and provides written, verbal and computer reports.</li> <li>Undertakes and organises housekeeping and maintenance to ensure a positive and safe physical environment.</li> <li>Participates in training, performance management and staff development programs.</li> <li>Performs other duties as directed.</li> <li>Participates in Emergency Management and Response duties as required.</li> </ul>

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# SECTION 6 - WORK RELATED REQUIREMENTS

ESSENTIAL

- 1. Understanding of therapeutic residential group home care of traumatised children and young people from Aboriginal and other culturally and linguistically diverse groups.
- Demonstrated knowledge of engaging with children and young people in life skills and recreational activities, and commitment to promoting positive self-worth and development.
- 3. Ability to work therapeutically as a team member, to reflect on practice and evidence resillience.
- Certificate III and Certificate IV in Community Services (Protective/Residential Care) or approved equivalent OR equivalent experience in working with or caring for troubled children and young people who have experienced trauma.

# SECTION 7 – ESSENTIAL EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

The occupant of this position will require the following prior to appointment:

- Current 'C or A' class driver's licence
- Current Senior First Aid Certificate
- Satisfactory Criminal Record and Departmental Checks
- Working with Children Check
- · Assessed medical fitness to undertake the duties of the position as required by the district
- Willingness to commit to shift work, including weekends and Public Holidays

## **SECTION 8 – CERTIFICATION**

The details contained in this document are an accurate statement of the duties, responsibilities and other requirements of the position.

### **DELEGATED AUTHORITY:**

(Director or above)

SIGNATURE:	 
NAME:	 
POSITION TITLE:	 
DATE:	