

Job Title: Family Liaison Officer

Contract: 10-month contract (September-June)

Hours: 37 hrs per week (with some flexibility)

Salary: €35,000 - €40,000 DOE based on 12-month

Annual leave: 20 days pro-rata, plus Christmas eve and Easter Friday

Location: Blossom Ireland, Malahide Rd., Northern Cross, Dublin 17 plus travel within the local community.

Closing date: 21th August 2020, 5pm

About us:

Blossom Ireland is a rapidly growing organisation with big ambition. We develop pioneering programmes for young people with intellectual disabilities. We are passionate about ensuring that our teens are as prepared as possible for life as an adult. Our work has been recognised by Social Entrepreneurs Ireland, the Ireland Funds, Social Innovation Fund and Trinity College Dublin to name but a few. We operate to the highest levels of governance and we were recently awarded The Triple Lock standard by the Charities Institute Ireland.

We are currently expanding our team to include a Family Liaison Officer. You will be joining the core team of staff (currently a team of 7) and will have the opportunity to input into the direction and growth of service provision.

The Role:

The primary focus of Family Liaison Officer is to work with the multi-disciplinary team to support young people with intellectual disabilities aged 15 – 20, and their families, to live a life like any other. Specifically, the Family Liaison Officer will be the direct point of contact for young people and their families during vital transitions in their life. These transitions are typically the transition to adult life such as the transition to post-secondary opportunities including further education, work experience and adult services.

The Family Liaison Officer will support young people and their family to have a clear transitional plan using person-centred tools to encourage a successful transition during such a vital time in their life. Additionally, they will support families to plan, organise and access a range of practical and personalised supports and services, which enhance their participation in, and contribution to, their local community. Responsibilities include:

- Collaborate with young people, their family and stakeholders such as education or service provider to develop a personalised transition plan.
- Be willing to be trained in Person Centred tools and use the tools to ensure the wants and needs of the young person and their family are illuminated within their transition plan.

- Facilitate a person-centred review to establish concrete, bespoke goals for the young person and their family.
- Act as a single point of contact for families in order to provide advice, information, and support.
- Manage a caseload of young people whilst supporting their transition. Specifically, to:
 - determine and pursue their vision for a life of their choosing,
 - Identify their own strengths and needs
 - enable them to stay safe, strong, connected and contributing as valued citizens
 - have a voice/self-advocate
 - build resilience
 - find local, practical, solutions to problems
- support access to accurate, timely and relevant information and assist individuals, families and communities to access information of interest
- Collate information from all stakeholders in a clear and concise way.

The Person:

Reporting to the Programme Director, we are looking for

- A passionate, outgoing and motivating person to join our growing, dynamic team. The ability to collaborate with the Blossom team and external stakeholders.
- Experience of working within the community or education settings and in particular with young people and their families. Working with young people with intellectual disabilities is not essential but is a distinct advantage.
- Experience of implementing personalised supports for marginalised groups.
- Ability to advocate, challenge, negotiate.
- Good organisational and writing skills.
- Excellent listening, communication and interpersonal skills.
- A full clean driving licence is of benefit for this role.

Qualifications:

A qualification in the area of Community Development, Community Care, Disability Studies, Social Studies or equivalent is desired but is not essential.

Application:

To apply, send a CV and cover letter to jobs@blossomireland.ie with Family Liaison Officer in the subject.

This role is funded by the Ability Programme which is co-funded by the Irish Government and the European Social Fund as part of the ESF programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning 2014 – 2020.

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