

POSITION DESCRIPTION

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| Position | Supported Playgroup Worker | | |
| Department | Community | Level of Authority: (as per ORH Instrument of Delegation) | NA |
| Reports to | Team Leader Welfare | | |
| Responsible to | Director Community Health | | |
| Enterprise Agreement | Allied Health Professionals (Victorian Public Health Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement <i>And subsequent agreements as may be approved in accordance with Fair Work legislation during the course of employment</i> | | |
| Pay Scale | As per employment contract | | |

ORBOST REGIONAL HEALTH

Orbost Regional Health provides acute, urgent care, medical and specialist services, and an array of community health, welfare and aged care services. We aim to meet the community needs utilising a flexible funding model. Partnership arrangements enhance our ability to delivery services to an area covering one million hectares across Far East Gippsland. At Orbost Regional Health our innovative multipurpose service has the capacity to embrace a holistic approach to health and wellbeing. We provide not only the Acute and Aged Care facilities, but also many other services to maintain the physical and mental well-being of the community.

POSITION OBJECTIVE

In conjunction with the Early Years' Team; develop and implement programs and activities to meet children's social, emotional, physical, intellectual and developmental needs, in a culturally appropriate setting with consideration to individual and group activities.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

| Position Requirements | |
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| Satisfactory National Police Check (no older than 12 months) <i>Certificate must be provided prior to commencement</i> | Required |
| Satisfactory Working with Children Check <i>Evidence of application must be provided prior to commencement</i> | Required |
| Satisfactory NDIS Worker Screening Check <i>Evidence of application must be provided prior to commencement</i> | Required |
| Satisfactory Health Declaration (ORH will provide documentation for completion) <i>Completed document must be provided prior to commencement</i> | Required |
| Immunisation History (ORH will provide documentation for completion) <i>Completed document must be provided prior to commencement</i> <i>Participation in the annual influenza vaccination program is a requirement</i> <i>Evidence of vaccinations must be provided prior to commencement (eg Certificate from myGov record)</i> | Required |
| Evidence of Professional Registration | Preferred |
| Evidence of Professional Qualification | Preferred |
| Valid Victorian Driver's Licence | Preferred |
| Typical Work Schedule | |
| This position is worked during week days | |

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RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

Primary Responsibilities and Key Performance Indicators

The Supported Playgroup Worker will work with families attending Supported Playgroups and will:

- Implement and promote the Smalltalk parenting program within the supported playgroup setting
- Complete family enrolment forms and other relevant data to comply with reporting requirements
- Assist in the planning and facilitation of the group in conjunction with early years staff
- Develop parents/caregivers' skills and confidence to participate in, organise and run their playgroup independently if required
- Support families in implementing and participating in developmentally appropriate play experiences with their young children, both at playgroup and outside of playgroup sessions
- In conjunction with early years' staff, assist parents in accessing parenting information, other family support services and agencies within their community.
- Work with the early years' staff to ensure a safe, secure, relaxed and welcoming environment exists within the group.

Support the establishment, implementation and transition of a Supported Playgroup to achieve Playgroup Program objectives and outputs in the local community including:

- Establishing and implementing the Supported Playgroup in accordance with the Australian Government Playgroup Program Guidelines, Supported Playgroup Program National Quality Assurance Framework, Supported Playgroup Program Risk Management Plan, as advised and directed by the State Supported Playgroup Coordinator and Playgroup Australia's National Program Manager – Supported Playgroups
- Engaging and supporting families and their children so that they can enjoy a safe playgroup experience at all times
- Promoting the Supported Playgroup within the community to encourage active and ongoing participation by families from the Playgroup's primary target group
- Empowering families to organise and manage playgroup activities independently wherever possible, including mentoring individual parents within the Supported Playgroup who have the capacity and willingness to assume leadership roles
- Demonstrating and offering advice on implementing suitable play experiences in line with the participants' expectations and the developmental needs of the children, including providing culturally appropriate activities
- Following up families whose absence is noted and encouraging these families continued participation
- Mentoring the Playgroup or selected members to ensure they have a good understanding of local family support resources
- Working in partnership with Playgroup Association staff so that the Playgroup is sustained as a self-managed, community playgroup in future years

Data and Evaluation:

- Collect data and prepare local evaluation reports as directed and when required by the State Supported Playgroup Co-ordinator
- Provide feedback to improve program quality
- Maintain confidential and accurate information (in line with the National Privacy Policy) on each Supported Playgroup participant

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| <p>In consultation with the State Supported Playgroup Coordinator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with partnering organisations to establish and implement the Supported Playgroup • Liaise with venue providers to ensure a safe environment for all staff, volunteers and playgroup participants • Establish and maintain networks with local service providers and other community agencies • Respond to local enquiries from families and service providers to facilitate access to the Supported Playgroup • Undertake other duties as requested by the Manager/Team Leader that are within the scope and skill consistent with the position. |
| <p>Qualifications and Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Diploma Early Childhood or equivalent or working towards qualification |
| <p>Skills, Knowledge and Attributes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of and commitment to the importance of play during early childhood • A proven capacity to work with families from the Supported Playgroup's primary target group • A demonstrated ability and affinity to work within a team to achieve program objectives and organisational goals within required timeframes • Ability to collect and report data • Have the ability to engage families to create the optimum environment for the growth and development of their children at home and in educational settings. • Have the ability to manage children with behavioural problems and work with parents to develop child management strategies and stable home routines. • Plan and implement programs and review and evaluate them. • Work with early years' professionals to assess needs and develop child support strategies |
| <p>Strategic Imperatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of ORH's strategic plan and contribute to the team's work plan to achieve organisational objectives. • Ensure all work practices comply with current ORH policies, procedures and/or guidelines. • Be familiar with organisation's vision and values and demonstrated alignment with the trademark behaviours in day to day practice. • Demonstrate an awareness and compliance with the ORH Partnering with Consumers framework to foster person-centred practice. • Adopt and maintain a progressive and evidence-based approach to service delivery. |
| <p>Professional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively engage in the annual performance review and development appraisal with direct supervisor. • Maintain professional competencies and registration (if applicable) and undertake relevant professional development, continuing education and training. • Ensure completion of mandatory competencies (both organisational and profession-specific) as required upon commencement, annually and in accordance with timelines specified in relevant health service policies and procedures. |
| <p>Work Health and Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular monitoring and review of personal work practices and the environment to ensure a healthy and safe workplace in accordance with ORH policies/procedures and legislative requirements. • Adhere to Occupational Health and Safety, Equal Employment Opportunities, Emergency Management, Waste Management, Environmental, Sustainability and Infection Control policies, procedures and legislation. • Proactively report OH&S hazards, incidents and injuries to supervisor. • Ensure that infection control guidelines and requirements are known and incorporated into daily work activities. |

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| <p>Quality and Risk Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively participate and contribute to quality improvement activities, by identifying and making recommendations on opportunities to improve processes, workplace health and safety, and quality service delivery outcomes. Be aware of Orbost Regional Health's approach to quality and safety that includes: Risk management, Clinical governance, Patient centred care and Consumer rights and responsibilities, Diversity, Workplace Health, Safety and Wellbeing, Performance reporting and Monitoring, Partnering with Consumers, Quality Improvement and Open Disclosure. Adhere to ORH incident and complaint investigation policies and procedures. Actively participate in the Orbost Regional Health quality program and accreditation processes against the relevant standards. Manage risk in daily work practices. Adhere to all organisational policies, procedures and health legislations. Ensure a good knowledge of polices relating to reportable conduct, child safe standards and hospital response to family violence. |
| <p>Information and Resource Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the purpose of, and be able to use client/corporate records systems and common software applications confidentially and appropriately. Prepare documentation using clear, concise and grammatically correct language appropriate to the role and service requirements. Record and maintain accurate and timely data as directed to meet relevant funding and policy requirements. Work within budget requirements and use resources appropriately. Comply with record and information management requirements in accordance with relevant ORH policies and guidelines. All employees of Orbost Regional Health must sign a Confidentiality Statement. This is to ensure that employees shall not at any time, either during the period of employment, or at its completion, divulge either directly or indirectly to any person, confidential knowledge or information acquired during the course of this employment. All employees of Orbost Regional Health are required to recognise consumer rights and operate within the Charter of Human Rights. Ensure information relating to patients/clients/consumers and colleague's is kept private and confidential at all times in accordance with ORH policies and procedures. |
| <p>Communication and Teamwork</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively participate in team meetings, staff forums and other meetings relevant to the role, and as required. Work in a cooperative and collaborative manner with all team members to foster a positive and supportive work environment and person-centred provision. Provide guidance and support to others within your work area to contribute to a valuable and constructive learning experience. |
| <p>Immunisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a condition of appointment that all employees comply with our immunisation requirements during employment. This position is classified as Category B. Yearly flu vaccinations are required for Category A and B. |
| <p>Diversity and Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support an inclusive environment where all individuals are treated fairly, with respect and receive the same opportunities. Recognise and respect diversity and inclusivity within the workplace. Everyone has the right to high quality health care and opportunities regardless of diversity factors which include cultural, ethnic, linguistic, religious beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, age and socioeconomic status. Inclusiveness |

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improves our service to our community and promotes engagement amongst all Orbost Regional Health employees. Actively participate in developing cultural competence including an awareness and understanding of the diverse range of cultures and backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people with a disability.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Orbost Regional Health is an equal opportunity employer. ORH Has adopted a common set of principles across the organisation and developed associated trademark values and behaviours. Selection will be based on assessing demonstrated alignment with the skills, qualifications, knowledge, behaviours and other personal qualities required to carry out the role effectively.

Essential Criteria:

- An understanding of and commitment to the importance of play during early childhood
- A proven capacity to work with families from the Supported Playgroup's primary target group
- A demonstrated ability and affinity to work within a team to achieve program objectives and organisational goals within required timeframes
- Ability to collect and report data
- Ability to attend 3 day Supported Playgroup training (Melbourne)
- Small talk facilitator qualification or working towards
- Advanced Diploma Early Childhood or equivalent or working towards

Desirable Criteria:

- Previous experience in early childhood settings would be an advantage.

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JOB DEMANDS CHECKLIST

Orbost Regional Health endeavours to provide a safe working environment for all staff. The table below describes the demands and risk factors associated with this job. Applicants must review this information to ensure they can comply with these requirements. Successful applicants will be required to sign the acknowledgement at the end of the position description to confirm their ability to perform the job demands of this position.

| Frequency definitions: | |
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| I = Infrequent | Activity may be required very infrequently |
| O = Occasional | Activity required occasionally, not necessarily on all shifts |
| F = Frequent | Activity required most shifts, up to 50% of the time |
| C = Constant | Activity that exists for the majority of each shift and may involve repetitive movements for prolonged periods |
| NA = Not Applicable | Activity not performed |

| Aspects of Normal Workplace | | Frequency | | | | |
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| Demands | Description | I | O | F | C | NA |
| Physical Demands | | | | | | |
| Sitting | Remain seated to perform tasks | | | X | | |
| Standing | Remain standing to perform tasks | | | X | | |
| Walking | Periods of walking required to perform tasks | | | X | | |
| Bending | Forward bending from waist to perform tasks | | | X | | |
| Kneeling | Remaining in a kneeling position to perform tasks | | X | | | |
| Lifting / Carrying | Light lifting and carrying | | X | | | |
| | Moderate lifting and carrying | | X | | | |
| | Assisting lifting (mechanical, equipment, person assist) | X | | | | |
| Climbing, working at heights | Ascending and descending ladders, stools, scaffolding | X | | | | |
| Pushing / Pulling | Moving objects e.g. trolleys, beds, wheelchairs, floor cleaning equipment | | X | | | |
| Reaching | Arms fully extended forward or raised above shoulder | | X | | | |
| Crouching | Adopting a crouching posture to perform tasks | | X | | | |
| Foot Movement | Use of leg and/or foot to operate machinery | | X | | | |
| Head Postures | Holding head in a position other than neutral (facing forwards) | | X | | | |
| Fingers / Hand / Arm movement | Repetitive movements of fingers, hands and arms e.g. computer keyboarding | | X | | | |
| Grasping / Fine Manipulation | Gripping, holding, clasping with fingers or hands | | X | | | |
| Driving | Operating a motor powered vehicle e.g. use of hospital cars, deliveries, visiting clients, ride on mower, bus, etc | | | | | |
| Psychosocial Demands | | | | | | |
| Distressed People | Highly emotional people crying, upset, unhappy, distressed. E.g. Crisis or grief situations | | X | | | |

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| Aggressive / Unpredictable People | Raised voices, yelling, swearing, arguing e.g. Drug/alcohol, dementia, mental illness | X | | | | |
| Exposure to distressing situations | E.g. child abuse, delivering bad news, viewing extreme injuries, viewing deceased | X | | | | |
| Environmental Demands | | | | | | |
| Gases | Working with explosive or flammable gases requiring precautionary measures | | | | | X |
| Liquids | Working with corrosive, toxic or poisonous liquids or chemicals requiring Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) | | | | | X |
| Noise | Environmental / background noise necessitates people raising their voice to be heard | | | | | X |
| Biological Hazards | E.g. exposure to body fluids, bacteria, infectious diseases requiring PPE | | | | | X |
| Cytotoxic Materials | Handling and/or preparation of cytotoxic materials | | | | | X |
| Radiation | Working with radiologic equipment | | | | | X |

AUTHORISATION

I confirm that I have read and understood this position description and believe that I am able to carry out the requirements of this role safely and effectively and that the conditions and requirements therein form part of my contract of employment.

Employee signature

Employee name (printed)

Date

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DOCUMENT CONTROL

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