

First Steps Enterprise Limited

Job Description – Family Link Worker (2 positions)

Placement: Tuebrook/West Derby/Yew Tree Children's Centre

Pay: £20,344 per annum full time; 35 hours per week

Initially fixed term to 31st March 2020, with a strong possibility of an extension to 31st March 2021

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE JOB:

To support the Children Centre Service Co-ordinator/Manager and Children Centre Team in delivering high quality Universal Early Learning Services to support children and their families and to champion the School Readiness Agenda.

To provide direct support to children and their families facing a range of difficulties. This role will provide additional support at an early stage to help divert families from requiring higher threshold services.

KEY FOCUS

The Family Link Worker role is a challenging and vital role within the children's centre. It has many aspects, but has three key focuses:

1. Supporting families in the centre reach area, including Family Support (Early Help), and partnership with other agencies
2. School Readiness Agenda. Working with Children aged 0-5 years, Parents & partners to support Children's learning, development & wellbeing in preparation for Nursery & school.
3. Facilitating evidence-based Parenting Programmes – enabling Parents to focus on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parent involvement to support and enhance their child's holistic development, health & wellbeing.

DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO: Children Centre Service Co-ordinator and/or Manager

THIS POST IS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE: Enhanced DBS and two positive references

MAIN AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

1. To facilitate Universal Early Learning Groups and activities to enable parents to support children that addresses the School Readiness agenda in line with EYFS Legislation.
2. To facilitate sessions and home-based programmes that promote a language enriched environment in the early years.
3. To work closely with Core Team, Schools, PVI's and Childminders in the reach area.
4. To work effectively and cooperatively with partner agencies using common processes including the Early Help Assessment, Team Around the Family (TAF), and Lead Professional (LP) roles.
5. Develop clear individual targeted plans of intervention in accordance with the needs of the child / young person and their family as part of the Early Help Assessment process.

6. Adopt the role of the Lead Professional.
7. A commitment to work with other agencies and use common processes for children 'in need' including EHAT, Team Around the Family and lead professional roles.
8. To develop the use of the Centre by parents and carers, including foster carers.
9. To support the Children Centre Co-ordinator and Children Centre Team in the provision of support and support services for children and their families.
10. To promote the use of the children centre's services by fathers from the local community and to support fathers in meeting the needs of their children.
11. Promote the Equal Opportunities Policy of the Council.
12. To promote the safeguarding of children in accordance with the council's framework for the care and protection of children.
13. To be proactive in providing information on support services to parents and others.
14. To promote inclusion strategies within the Children Centre.
15. To attend regular supervision and personal review and development meetings as part of the performance management framework and participate in individual and team training and development activities.
16. The post holder may also be required to carry out, as necessary, any other duty deemed to be commensurate with the grade and status of the post and the skills and experience of the post holder.

Person Specification

Note to Applicant:

In your application, you should provide evidence of meeting all points on the person specification, Particularly those marked * as these are key criteria.

A = Application form; I = interview

CRITERIA	KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	METHODS OF ASSESSMENT
Qualifications and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NVQ Level 3 in child care and education, NND, Health and Social Care qualification or equivalent.* • A commitment to undertake further training and development* 	A A I

CRITERIA	KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	METHODS OF ASSESSMENT
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of three years' recent experience of providing support for children and families.* • Experience of direct work with children aged 5 and under.* • Experience of working in partnership with parents.* • Experience of collaborative and multi-agency working to support children and families.* • Experience of normal language development in children under five. (D) • Experience of working with children and families in their homes. (D) • Experience of developing services and activities that support children and parents that address areas of identified need.* • Experience of planning and evaluating sessions in line with EYFS. * • Ability to demonstrate a working knowledge of early child development birth -5 years.* • Knowledge and understanding of Children's Centre services and their aims.* • Knowledge and experience of tracking children's progress in line with EYFS. 	<p>A I</p> <p>A I</p> <p>A I</p> <p>A I</p> <p>A I</p> <p>A I</p> <p>A I</p> <p>A</p>
Skills/Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to communicate effectively, using good written and verbal skills with young children, families, other professions and multi-disciplinary organisations in a wide range situations and at different levels.* • Ability to work in partnership with parents and professionals.* • Ability to work as part of a team in supporting the day to day operation of the service.* • Ability to develop the use of the Centre by parents/carers and foster carers.* • Experience of facilitating courses and activities to support parent and family needs. (D) • Ability to work as part of a team across a range of services including Health, Family Support, Schools, Children's Services etc. to support parents in meeting the needs of their children.* • Ability to support all the policies / procedures of the City Council including Safeguarding of Young Children.* 	<p>A I</p> <p>A I</p> <p>A</p> <p>A</p> <p>A I</p> <p>A I</p> <p>A</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of legislation that relates to children and families.* 	A I
Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of and a personal commitment to the Vision and Values of Liverpool City Council. * • A commitment to Sure Start aims, objectives and principles. * 	A I A I
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This post is subject to Enhanced CRB Disclosure* • To undertake training and supervision as required by management.* • To work flexibly to support the overall operation of the centre.* • Computer and IT familiarity. • A satisfactory sickness record over the previous two years (subject to the need to act with consistency and fairness and to pay particular attention to equality of opportunity issues such as sickness related to a disability and/or pregnancy).* • To work flexibly to support the overall operation of the centre. (Occasional weekend and evening work required).* • Willingness to travel between early year's settings and nurseries as required either by own car, and so must be able to drive. * 	A A A A

Other Information

- Pay -; £20,344 per annum
- Number of hours per week: 35
- Annual leave based on number of hours worked per week and over the work period. If sessional, these hours are added at the end. This is done on a pro-rata basis of 25 days leave. Some leave may be required to be taken in centre shut down periods.
- Place of work: Tuebrook/West Derby/Yew Tree Children's Centre, and across the communities of served.
- Subject to 12-week probationary period
- Fixed term in line with placement requirements initially to 31st March 2020, with a strong possibility of an extension to 31st March 2021.
- This post is funded through the placement children centre.
- Complete an application online here - <http://firststepsenterprise.co.uk/vacancies/> CVs are not accepted.