



Caseworker, Out-of-Home Care

Aims of CareSouth's Foster Care Program

CareSouth is funded by Community Services to provide long-term, short-term and respite care for children and young people aged between 0 and 18 years. CareSouth caseworkers provide intensive and responsive support to our foster carers, ensuring that they have the resources and skills they need to provide quality care.

Objective of the Caseworker Role

- To ensure the provision of quality support and community placement to children and young people and their families.
- To provide and/or facilitate the provision of referral, assessment, general support, community placement, supported accommodation, outreach and aftercare services.

Position Requirements

- Provide assessment services, case management, and information and referral service
- Maintain pool of authorised carers
- Provide support service
- Assist in the administration of the service
- Participate in supervision and attend training
- Abide by CareSouth's policies and procedures
- Report safety hazards and actively promote safe work practices in the workplace
- Assist in the reporting and investigation of child protection issues

Job Qualifications, Skills and Experience

- Degree or Diploma in Social Sciences
- Minimum of 2 years working with children and young person
- Ability to comprehensively assess and case manage the individual needs of children and young people and their families.
- Experience/ability to prepare assessment reports and case plans in consultation with children and young people in care, parents and other services.
- Ability to undertake crisis intervention and support of children, young people, families and community carers, including managing children and young people who have developmental disabilities.
- Ability to develop an effective working relationship with referral agencies and service providers.
- Knowledge of the context and impact of the issues arising from children and young people being in out-of-home care.
- Knowledge of local services and resources.
- Ability to recruit, assess and train authorised carers.
- Ability to provide intensive support and advice to authorised carers regarding managing the needs of the child/young person in care as well as their own needs. Knowledge of and commitment to legislation regarding Child Protection and Out-of-Home Care.
- Basic computer skills
- Current Driver's licence Satisfactory

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Application close date is 26 February 2012.

To download an information pack, please visit www.caresouth.org.au. To apply for the role, email your application to careers@caresouth.org.au.

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