

Playworker

Welcome to Bursting With Potential!

We provide a holistic Occupational Therapy based service for children and young people 0-25 providing specialist interventions for both mainstream children or those children with special educational needs and disabilities. In the school holidays we deliver a SEND holiday club provision for 5-25 year olds, we are looking to expand the team and we are excited to provide you with an opportunity to join our team as a playworker and are committed to giving you all the training you need to fulfil the role. When you start a new job the thought of learning all the tasks and activities required can be daunting and we don't expect you to be able to complete all elements of our job description from day one. We will provide you with full training and develop your skills giving you exceptional growth for the future until you have experience in all areas of the job description.

Our ideal playworker:

The role of a playworker is to provide a safe, stimulating environment for children and young people with learning disability, or autism, or both, and to ensure that activities at holiday clubs, meet their needs. A playworker focuses on supporting one particular child, or a small group of children, each day and helps them take part in organised activities, as well as encouraging them to join in with others.

They're full of ideas for children's' games and activities, and respect children's individual differences.

We are looking for someone with the following values:

Team Player
Flexible & Creative
Kind & Compassionate
Provide 1-1 Support
Ask Questions
Problem Solver

We're looking for people with experience of or a desire to develop skills working with 5-18 year olds in a play environment. Good team players, playworkers are also able to use their initiative and work independently. You'll need an understanding of the principles of play and the role of the adult, and an awareness of the Children's Act 1989. We will support you with Training and Development opportunities.

Responsibilities and Duties of a playworker

Plan and prepare suitable leisure activities for children and young people
Deliver stimulating activities for children and young people 4-18 with additional needs
Work 1:1 with a child or young person
Lead small group sessions
Support children and young people over lunchtimes – at times this means support with cutting food or feeding
Help children and young people with using the toilet – some of our children have toileting needs.
Support children and young people in managing their behaviour
Be aware of health and safety and policy and keep children safe from harm
Completing session records
Undertake any other duties consistent with the objectives of the post, as required.

Where you will be working

Location: Thorney Road, Eye, Peterborough, PE6 7UN

You will be working at Breakthrough Therapy Solutions, which is a small independent therapy service with good facilities, covering the Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire areas. Working within a multidisciplinary team, you will provide leisure activities and support for children and young people 0-25 with SEND and their families. At times our clients may be experiencing mental health difficulties or behaviours that challenge. We offer holiday clubs for children with SEND based in Peterborough. Running during Easter, Summer, May, October, and February school holidays, they provide respite for parents and carers, and offer a setting where children can enjoy fun activities.

Our teenage workshops provide opportunities for teenagers to engage in interesting age-appropriate activities.

Holiday clubs run Monday to Friday during the school holidays, 9am-5pm and some hours during term time in after school groups and Saturday clubs. The hours of work as a playworker are to be agreed in advance.

Bursting with Potential is committed to Safeguarding and protecting the young people and service users within our service. You'll need to undertake some e-learning and face-to-face training, including safeguarding training. All candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and reference checks. Bursting with Potential is an equal opportunities employer. There are plenty of career development and progression opportunities that can see you grow as part of our small team. It can be so much more than just a job for now, you can be part of our service's journey and development and change children's lives.

Playworker hours are School Holiday hours only with potential of Saturday work- £10.50 to £15 per hour.

To apply for this role or for more information, please email alison@breakthroughtherapysolutions.co.uk.