

Autism and LD Family Peer Supporter

Salary: £11.50 per hour (£22,245 Pro Rata)

Hours: 15 hours per week (Flexible work pattern possible with additional hours worked in term time used for TOIL during school holidays)

Contract duration: 1st July 2022 – 31st March 2023 (potential to extend subject to funding).

This role will be subject to a DBS Check and requires proof of the right to work in the UK.

Job Description

PURPOSE:

The Autism and LD Family Peer Supporter will use their lived experience as a Parent Carer of young people with Autism to work alongside the Dynamic Keywork Support Team (NHS) to:

- Support families of children with Autism, other neurodiversity or Learning Disabilities to find community opportunities, peer groups and short term support through access to a small grant fund.
- Support local community groups, including groups of parent carers to run regular Autism Inclusive opportunities for young people, or peer support sessions for parents funded by a grant the Forum manages from the Autism Community Support Fund.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To identify families requiring support and build a relationship with them to facilitate their involvement in community opportunities, provide peer to peer support to ensure they know what wider services are available.
2. To encourage innovative ways of supporting families by providing access to a small grant fund where needed.
3. Working with a lead Director, to assist with the set up and development of regular autism inclusive opportunities and parental peer support sessions to be delivered by local community groups and/or groups of parent carers.
4. Keep accurate records of the number of emails/online enquiries and phone calls they receive regarding sign posting for families of children with learning disabilities and/or autism; and record the number they were able to sign post elsewhere, including where they were signposted too and those where there was no service to meet their needs.
5. To travel within the county to support families, attend meetings with the Dynamic Keyworker team and wider project group and to attend some wider forum meetings to welcome Parent Carers and collect feedback.
6. To provide other support to the Forum Directors and Committee as required, such as attendance at Committee meetings to provide project updates.
7. To work with members of the Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum team to ensure good communication and a positive, collaborative working environment.
8. To understand and apply Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum policies and procedures in particular relating to Coproduction and Safeguarding.

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PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

In general, the post of Autism and LD Family Peer Supporter requires a empathetic and approachable manner that facilitates effective relationship building and peer to peer support with good organisational skills and the ability to work independently.

Qualifications:

Essential – GCSE English and Maths Grade 4 and above (eg A-C) or Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Maths

Experience:

- Lived experience of being a Parent Carer to Autistic child/young person
- Experience of being in a supportive and enabling role
- Use of social media, email newsletter apps or willingness to learn.
- Record keeping experience

Skills and attributes:

- Ability to use personal experiences to support others and demonstrate empathy
- Computer literate – familiar with Microsoft Office and email
- Exceptionally well organised
- Comfortable working with others and also able to work independently
- Friendly and efficient communication style
- Ability to carry out practical tasks
- Ability to get to a variety of places around Gloucestershire