

Job Title: Play & Creative Arts Therapist

Reporting to: Charity Director & Head of Therapeutic Services

Terms: 1 year, 40 hours per week 47 weeks

Holiday: 25.5 days holiday (to be taken in school holidays) including bank holidays + 3 additional days at Christmas

Salary: £28,000 per annum (£25,307 pro rata)

Based at: Clear Sky Head Office, Little Wittenham and in schools in Oxfordshire and the surrounding counties

Main Job Purpose: To deliver therapy sessions to children, deliver parent groups and support the development of the organisation in Oxfordshire and surrounding counties.

Clear Sky is a charity established to support children and young people who have experienced trauma and difficult life circumstances through specialist Play & Creative Arts Therapy services. We believe that all children should be happy, love life and enjoy school!

Key Roles and Responsibilities

- **Therapeutic Caseload**
 - To deliver weekly Play & Creative Arts Therapy sessions to children as directed by Clear Sky.
 - To meet with parents and carers at different times within the therapeutic process to engage and keep them updated on progress.
 - To liaise with and work in partnership with school staff and other agencies in order to provide effective multi agency working.
 - To attend meetings related to a child to support the therapeutic work.
- **Administration & Head Office Support**
 - To write a report for the school on the progress made at the end of therapy for each child.
 - To follow all the relevant policies and procedures provided by Clear Sky.
 - To complete administrative tasks in relation to clients seen through Clear Sky using the company's online system.
 - To support Head Office with admin, fundraising and the creation of online content (e.g. blogs and resources) as and when required.
- **Organisational Development**
 - To proactively seek out partnership opportunities with interested schools and organisations.
 - To organise visits to educate schools and organisations about Clear Sky's services.
 - To act as an ambassador for Clear Sky representing the charity in a professional and positive manner.
 - To help parents and teachers who contact the Clear Sky office by offering over the phone support.
- **Training & Parent Work**
 - To support the Head of Therapeutic Services with the development and delivery of training sessions.

- To independently deliver training sessions in schools.
- To co-facilitate Playful Parents workshops alongside another Clear Sky Therapist.
- **Supervision & Safe Practice**
 - To familiarise self with the general risk assessment for therapeutic work, and complete individual risk assessments where appropriate.
 - To contribute to Health & Safety working practices in the workplace by reporting any accidents or injuries.
 - To be responsible for safeguarding the children in your care during therapy sessions, and to report any matters of concern by following relevant procedure.
 - To attend 1.5 hours of clinical supervision per month.
 - To attend training sessions and team meetings as required by Clear Sky.

Skills and Experience

- Completion of a recognised and accredited Play and/or Creative Arts Therapy Training Course at Post Graduate Diploma level or above (e.g. Play Therapy, Dramatherapy, Dance and Movement Therapy, Art Therapy etc.)
- Completed at least 300 hours of supervised clinical work with children and young people.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- A positive and 'can-do' outlook.
- Empathy and an open and friendly manner
- A flexible and motivated approach to work.
- The ability to work with difficult behaviour or facts, without making judgements.
- A good understanding of issues surrounding confidentiality.
- The ability to work alone and in a team.
- Ability to reflect on practice and learn from experience.
- Current driving license for travel.
- Experience of interagency working, working in schools and working in challenging situations.
- Experiences of working with parents and families.
- Ability to write meaningful reports.
- Ability to use supervision and personal therapy as a tool for self-development.
- Previous experience of delivering training and working with parents.

Essential Requirements

- Membership to an appropriate governing body (PTUK, BAPT, BACP, HCPC etc.)
- DBS check completed on engagement by Clear Sky.
- Clean UK driving license for travel.