

## **Focus Ireland: Child Support Worker, Family Homeless Action Team (<https://www.activelink.ie/node/112812>)**



### **Child Support Worker, Family Homeless Action Team (FHAT)**

**Location:** Role covers Dublin, Kildare and Meath

**Contract:** 2 Year, Full- Time Fixed-Term Contract

The purpose of this role is to work as part of a team to reduce the impact of childhood traumatic experiences that can occur while a family is experiencing homelessness. The Child Support Worker (CSW) will work alongside Case Managers in the wider Family Homeless Action Team to support families in exiting homelessness.

#### **What you will do:**

- Work within the framework of the overall objectives of Focus Ireland.
- Undertake assessments of children's developmental needs and strengths.
- Develop and review appropriate support plans with parents and as appropriate, with children, colleagues and other professionals involved with the child/young person's family.
- Undertake one-to-one work in the child's emergency accommodation reflecting the support plan.
- Undertake group work in the locations where appropriate.
- Promote the development of positive parent and child relationships. To encourage and support parental responsibility and assist parents in meeting their children's needs.
- Contribute to the promotion, creation and maintenance of a high standard of child led and child focussed practice in delivering a service to children and their families.
- Advocate for children and young people who use the service.
- Establish links with appropriate community services to address the needs of children and their families at a local level.
- Communicate and liaise effectively with professionals where relevant to the needs of the children/young person. To attend meetings concerning the children/young person, e.g. school liaison, case conferences and reviews.
- Produce reports and information as requested and to keep up-to-date and accurate records.
- Be familiar with and comply with the agency's policies and procedures pertaining to health, safety and welfare of children and all other agency policies and procedures.
- Participate in reviews, evaluations and development of the service.
- Work 39 hours per week at the appointed times.
- Work under the supervision and direction of the Manager/Team Leader and to engage regularly in supervision sessions with the Team Leader.
- Participate in relevant training and development courses as agreed with the Manager /Team Leader.
- Attend and contribute to team and any other meetings which are relevant to the work, as required.
- Adhere to any Health, Safety and Welfare risks in the workplace and bring any concerns to the attention of your line manager or Health & Safety Representative.
- Undertake such other duties as might be reasonably assigned from time to time in consultation with the Team Leader/Manager/Service Manager.

#### **What you will need:**

- Relevant third level degree I.e. youth work; childcare; social care; psychology or other relevant third level degree.
- Relevant experience of working with children and young people.
- Experience of working with families.
- Respect and value children as autonomous young people in their own right.

- Ability to communicate well with colleagues, parents and other agencies and, above all, children, irrespective of their needs.
- Have a genuine liking for and sensitivity towards children.
- Ability to assess the support needs of children, develop support plans and respond to their needs.
- Ability to engage with a variety of professional and individuals to provide a holistic & integrated response to the needs of children.
- Be committed to work in partnership with parents.
- Computer literacy.
- Report writing abilities.
- Ability to work alone and in a team setting.
- Experience of dealing with child protection and welfare responsibilities and responding appropriately to any concerns.
- Full clean driver's license and access to your own transport.

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**Closing date for applications: 13th of January 2025**

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**Region**

Dublin, Kildare & Meath

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