

## **Children's Residential Service: Social Care Worker** **(<https://www.activelink.ie/node/115049>)**

### **Join our team as a Social Care Professional in a Children's Residential Service**

Are you looking for an exciting and rewarding opportunity? Are you passionate about supporting young people in a secure and therapeutic environment to reach their full potential? Do you want to be recognised, valued and supported to progress in your career as a Social Care Professional?

We are a new, exciting organisation committed to providing trauma-informed responses to young people living in Children's Residential Service. We are looking for like-minded professionals to join our team in supporting young people in a therapeutic environment.

### **Job Description – Social Care Worker**

The Social Care Professional, in accordance with our organisation's values, will be responsible for:

- Working directly within the care team to ensure the best interests of the young person.
- Participate in meetings to ensure the child's voice is heard.
- Advocate for the young person to ensure their rights are being met.
- Liaise with various stakeholders and external organisations relating to the young person while adhering to confidentiality.
- Ability to build rapport with young people, staff and external agencies.
- Providing information and support to young people by responding to their individual needs as they arise in a calm and responsive manner.
- Support the young person to develop their independence skills for example, cooking, cleaning, shopping, budgeting, transport, etc.
- Identify potential risks associated with the young person and discuss with management.
- Debrief with management following an incident.
- Adhere to all policies and procedures.
- Excellent communicator both written and verbal and the ability to maintain accurate records.
- Ability to respond to incidents in a trauma informed manner.
- Excellent ability to work as part of a team and on your own initiative.

### **Essential Criteria**

- Candidates must hold one of the following qualifications
  - Level 8 in Psychology
  - Level 7 or Professional Practice Qualification in Child & Adolescent Psychotherapy
  - Level 7 or Professional Practice Qualification in Counselling / Psychotherapy
  - Level 7 or Professional Practice Qualification in Addiction Counselling
  - Level 7 in Youth and Community or similar
  - Level 7 in Social Science / Social Studies
  - Level 7 in Family Support
  - Professional Qualification in Teaching (Not TEFL)
  - Professional Qualification in Nursing Studies
  - Level 7 in Disability Studies
  - Level 7 in Applied Behavioural Analysis
  - Level 7 in Early Years Care where centre caters for children under 12 years.
  - BA in Applied Policing or equivalent
  - Holder of Higher Certificate in Custodial Care (Irish Prison Service) or equivalent
- Knowledge of current legislation and procedures e.g. Child Care Act 1991, Children First Act 2015 and National Standards for Children's Residential Centres.
- Eligibility to be registered with CORU
- Full clean drivers licence.
- Garda Vetting is a requirement of this post.

## Desirable criteria

- Two years experience in Children's Residential Centre.
- Registration with CORU.
- Knowledge of Therapeutic Crisis Intervention.

## What we offer

- A supportive team environment that understands the importance of work life balance.
- Onsite training to enhance your skills.
- Internal career development opportunities.
- Remuneration based on skills and experience and in line with HSE pay scales.

**Location** - Sligo

**Closing date:** 8th May 2025

**If you are passionate about making a difference and want to explore this opportunity further, please submit an updated CV and cover letter to [admin@springs5.com](mailto:admin@springs5.com) (<mailto:admin@springs5.com>)**

**Region**

Sligo

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