

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Early Childhood Specialist

Supporting Everyone to be healthy and live well

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

The Early Childhood Specialist will work as part of the interdisciplinary team to provide a range of services to children and their families involved in the NDIS Early Childhood Supports service. The Early Childhood Specialist plays a pivotal role in supporting children with developmental delays or disabilities, and their families to achieve their goals. The Early Childhood Specialist will work in collaboration with other team members to provide support that uses a strength based, family centered approach with a focus on knowledge sharing and capacity building of the support systems around the child.

Position Details	
Position Title:	Early Childhood Specialist
Department	Community/NDIS
Reports to:	Manager of NDIS Services or Relevant Allied Health Manager
Positions Reporting to this role:	Nil
FTE:	Up to full time
Budget:	NA
Enterprise Agreement:	Allied Health Professionals Enterprise Agreement 2021-2026 Medical Scientist, Pharmacists and Psychologists Enterprise Agreement, 2021-2025
Position Classification:	Youth Worker 3A (YW24)
Position Description last reviewed:	October 2024

Selection Criteria
Essential:
Qualifications: A tertiary qualification in a relevant field as recognised the NDIS such as:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Childhood Education or Teaching/ Education• A practicing member of the relevant professional body
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 7 years' experience, with at least 4 years of these working in paediatrics or working with children with developmental delay or disability
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialised knowledge of evidence-based practices in paediatrics, disability and or Early Childhood Intervention
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrated ability to provide specialised, high quality family-centred care using a strengths-based approach that is culturally inclusive
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent interpersonal skills with an appreciation of diversity
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to write high quality clinical reports relating to the outcomes and future goals of the child and their family

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A current driver's license
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrated excellence in organisational and time-management skills and the ability to meet targets and KPIs
Satisfactory evidence of; National police check, Working with Children's, NDIS Worker Screening Check and Vaccination status in line with policy and procedure at this time.
Desirable:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous experience as a Key Worker or transdisciplinary role in an Early Childhood Intervention Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous experience working in NDIS or Early Childhood Intervention
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous experience working with Allied Health professionals as part of a multi-disciplinary or inter-disciplinary team

Key Accountabilities

Work in collaboration with the ERH NDIS team to provide high quality, evidence-based care to children aged 0-18 accessing NDIS services with a particular focus on children aged 0-9.
Conduct comprehensive assessments to identify areas of concern or developmental delay.
Work with the child and family to identify goals and develop a support plan that is individualized to the family's needs, strengths and learning styles.
Provide evidence-based intervention with a focus on knowledge sharing and capacity building of the support systems around the child.
Facilitate a team around the child that promotes participation in family, community and cultural activities.
Work in collaboration with the interdisciplinary team to plan and provide group therapy sessions.
Ensure that supports are clearly documented, coordinated and communicated to families and internal and external stakeholders.
Stay updated on the latest research and best practices in early childhood supports and early childhood intervention.
Provide specialist advice to other staff including secondary consultation.
Participate in and/or lead team meetings and case conferences to ensure a holistic approach to care.
Promote a culture of continuous quality improvement within the service by identifying and leading quality improvement activities.
Complete assessments, primary consults and therapy interventions in line with discipline specific skill set.

Organisational Responsibilities





Positively promote ERH within and externally to the organisation
Comply with the ERH and Victorian Public Sector Code (VPS) of Conduct
Each employee has a responsibility to comply and promote practices with all ERH policies

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and procedures and familiarise themselves with those relevant to their position
Comply with relevant registration bodies mandatory continuing professional development requirements
Carry out all work and interactions in alignment with the CARE values
Report all incidents and near misses as soon as possible after the event
Participate in risk management activities and assist with identification and control of risks within their department or area of work
Actively support compliance with the National Safety & Quality Health Service Standards and other professional standards and relevant regulatory requirements

CARE Values

All staff are expected to behave in a way that is in alignment with our corporate values:	
Collaboration 	Works with a team focus Cooperates with others and gains input and support to assist in achieving objectives We work with others to achieve shared goals
Accountability 	Monitors the impact of one's own behaviour on others Supports a "no-blame" culture in reporting incidents and helping to effectively resolve them
Respect 	Treats people fairly and openly Treats people with dignity Demonstrates personal standards of consistency, tolerance and patience
Excellence 	Consistently supports and follows organisational policies and procedures Actively participates in identifying opportunities to improve what we do

Key Relationships

Internal	External
Allied Health and other professionals working within the NDIS and Early Childhood Support services.	Children, families and carers
NDIS Manager and discipline specific manager	Early Childhood Partners, Support Coordinators, NDIS
Community Services team members	Daycare, preschool, school team members
All other ERH staff	Community groups and support services

Leadership Capabilities





The table below indicates the leadership capability levels required. This table will need to be read in conjunction with the ERH Leadership Capability Framework.

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Category	Descriptors	Foundation	Proficient	Advanced	Highly Advanced
	Inspires direction &		✓		

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Collaboration 	purpose				
	Turns challenges into opportunities		✓		
	Communicates effectively		✓		
	Builds relationships		✓		
	Works collaboratively			✓	
Accountability 	Acts with integrity			✓	
	Demonstrates accountability			✓	
	Drives accountability			✓	
	Manages self			✓	
	Promotes innovation			✓	
Respect 	Accessible communicator		✓		
	Values difference			✓	
	Consistently articulates direction		✓		
	Empowers others		✓		
	Respectfully influences		✓		
Excellence 	Delivers results			✓	
	Plans and prioritises		✓		
	Thinks and solves problems		✓		
	Consumer focus			✓	
	Innovation change leader		✓		

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Terms and conditions are in accordance with the Letter of Offer and Contract of Employment.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of this position description. I have read (or have had read to me) and understand the requirements of this position. I agree to work in accordance with this position description.

Signed: _____ Date: / /

Print Name: _____

cc: Employee File