

	Position Title: Family Services Case Worker		Team: Kinship Care Team		Region: Hume
	Supervisor: Team Leader – Kinship Care	Delegations and Authorities: In Line with Delegations Policy		Band: (A-F) A	Date Completed: 21 July 2017

ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

OUR VISION AND FOCUS		ROLE CONTEXT
<p>Our Vision at Berry Street is that all children have a good childhood, growing up where they feel safe, nurtured and have hope for the future.</p> <p>Berry Street chooses to work with children, young people and families with the most challenging and complex needs. We work across metropolitan, regional and rural Victoria.</p> <p>To achieve our Vision, Berry Street delivers a wide variety of programs, from those aimed at strengthening families and communities through to those that focus on helping people recover from the trauma of violence, abuse and neglect.</p> <p>We also engage government, other community organisations and the general public in child-focussed advocacy and knowledge sharing.</p>		<p>Berry Street (Hume) provides Home Based Care (HBC) services in the Hume Region (West Hume sub-regional area inclusive of Goulburn Valley and Lower Hume Catchments) of Victoria. The program provides Foster Care for children and young people who are unable to live with their own families, and a kinship care program designed to support and assist kinship carers provide care to children and young people from within their family or extended family network.</p> <p>Berry Street (Hume) provides Home Based Care (HBC) services in the Hume Region (West Hume sub-regional area inclusive of Goulburn Valley and Lower Hume Catchments) of Victoria. This role is based at our Shepparton Office, but requires outreach services to be provided to the City of Greater Shepparton, Moira, Strathbogie, Mitchell and Murrindindi Shires.</p> <p>The position is part of the broader Child & Family Services Team. The HBC program includes a service for kinship care. This role provides support and assistance to formal and informal kinship carers in the community, to assist extended family networks to provide the best possible care to children living in kinship care.</p>
OUR VALUES		PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE ROLE
<p>Berry Street expects all staff to apply these Values in all aspects of their work.</p> <p>Courage: To be the best we can be and to never give up Integrity: Expect a personal and organisation commitment to honesty Respect: Acknowledge the importance of each person's heritage, traditions, identity, needs and aspirations Accountability: Be responsible for our own actions Working Together: Work with our clients, each other and our colleagues to share knowledge, ideas, resources and skills</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work in partnership with Kinship carers and extended family members to address and respond to the needs of both the kinship carer and children To enhance and build on the available formal and informal family and community supports for children living in kinship arrangements To assist families provide the best possible care arrangements for children unable to live with their birth parents To provide time limited assistance to enable kinship carers to provide the best possible kinship care with minimal professional intervention from the service system. To minimise /prevent the need for any or any further involvement by Child Protection.
		REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS
		<p>This role is based at our Shepparton office. It is part of the broader Home Based Care Team which includes kinship care. This role reports to directly to Team Leader – Kinship Care who will provide supervision and review. This is a permanent part time (.6EFT) position.</p>

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED TO FULFIL THE ROLE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to actively engage kinship families in decision-making processes. • An understanding of the inter-generational factors and complex inter-relationships between extended family members that can impact kinship placements. • An ability to work with children, young people and families through an attachment and trauma based lens. • Ability to make timely, sound decisions about interventions required, and consult for the purposes of assessment and decision-making in the best interests of the children. • Demonstrated understanding of the key components of case management. • Ability to establish, and maintain positive and productive working arrangements with key Service Providers. • Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to the principles of equity, diversity, continual improvement, risk management and occupational health and safety. • Strong communication and written skills and the capacity to negotiate and communicate with a range of professionals and individuals. • Demonstrated ability to flexibly manage competing priorities and stressful situations, monitoring own stress levels and practicing and promoting self-care strategies. • Demonstrated understanding of, and respect for, the needs of children with a disability; Aboriginal culture, including cultural safety and awareness; and cultural and linguistic diversity (CALD), including cultural safety for children from CALD backgrounds. 	
QUALIFICATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appropriate tertiary qualification in Psychology, Social Work, or related discipline is required in this role. • A sound knowledge of the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005. • Staff must hold a valid WWCC, current drivers licence at all times and undergo a Criminal Records Check prior to employment. Subsequently, staff must report any criminal charges or court appearances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous case management experience in this sector.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ACCOUNTABILITY	SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY
Direct Service Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide case worker services to kinship care placements to ensure their on-going stability. • Enhance the capacity of the kinship carers to meet the child's ongoing safety, stability and developmental needs. • Establish and maintain family care teams to ensure the engagement of the child's family and extended family in decision making processes. • Assist in the facilitation of kinship care support groups.
Program Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the development of program guidelines and evaluations processes for the kinship care program.
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake organisational processes to ensure that all administration and documentation requirements are initiated and completed in a professional and timely manner. • Maintain up to date client and care-giver files in accordance with Berry Street's Records Management procedure and Berry Street policies. • Complete assessment based documents to inform decision making and planning to ensure a high standard of service delivery. • Use the appropriate tools, including electronic and web enabled client, care giver and case management information systems to capture critical client information.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act in accordance with the Code of Conduct. • To keep abreast of relevant theoretical legislative and policy documents. • Attend and participate in HBC staff meetings. • Attend and participate in regular supervision according to Berry Street Supervision Standards and requirements. • Provide reports to the Team Leader Kinship Care as required and requested. • Berry Street supports White Ribbon, Australia's campaign to stop violence against women. There is an expectation that staff never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women. • Berry Street are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children, including those with a disability and culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds. Berry Street are also committed to cultural safety, inclusion and empowerment of Aboriginal children, their families and communities.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

1. This position is a permanent position for 45.6 hours per fortnight. There is no paid overtime, but any extra hours worked will be accrued as Time-in-Lieu according to the Berry Street Enterprise Agreement.
2. You will initially be employed at the Shepparton office but may be required to work from other Berry Street sites (on a temporary or permanent basis) as directed from time to time.
3. Terms and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Berry Street Victoria Enterprise Agreement, which includes above Award payments and eligibility for remuneration packaging. Salary packaging is available to full-time and 0.8 staff to a maximum value of \$15,899 and a maximum value of \$12,000 to all other permanent part-time staff.
4. The salary for this position is based on SCHADS Level 5, Pay Point 1 which is \$67,697.67 (pro-rata) per annum under the Berry Street Enterprise Agreement.
5. Superannuation will be paid according to Superannuation Guarantee into a compliant fund of your choice or into HESTA Superannuation Fund.
6. The successful applicant will be required to undergo satisfactory pre-employment checks, including 3 professional referees, a pre-existing injury/disease declaration, a criminal records check and proof of identify and qualifications (where relevant).
7. The successful applicant will initially be employed for a probationary period of 3 months. During this period, either party can terminate employment with one week's notice. A probationary review before 3 months will be undertaken.
8. The successful applicant must possess a current Working With Children Check, or must apply for one prior to commencing employment.
9. The successful applicant must possess a current full Victorian Driver's Licence, which must be sighted.
10. Agency vehicles are available for authorised use and these should be used at all times for work-related purposes, in accordance with the Berry Street Motor Vehicle Policy. However, if you are authorised to use your own vehicle for work-related purposes, you will be paid an allowance per kilometre, which includes provision for comprehensive insurance and other running costs. Berry Street is unable to insure private vehicles owned by staff and will not accept any liability for damage to any staff vehicles incurred while being used for work-related purposes.
11. Under Victorian WorkCover legislation, it is the applicant's duty to advise Berry Street of any pre-existing medical condition, which could be aggravated by the type of employment for which they are applying. The existence of a medical condition will not preclude you from employment, unless you are unable to perform the inherent requirements of the position. However failure to disclose any relevant injury or disease will jeopardise any entitlement you may otherwise have for a work-related aggravation of that non-disclosed pre-existing condition.
12. Berry Street has a smoke-free workplace policy.

INHERENT REQUIREMENTS OF WORK ACTIVITIES / ENVIRONMENT

Following is a table that outlines the main physical and psychological requirements of the position.

Element	Key Activity	Frequency
Work Environment	Manage demanding and changing workloads and competing priorities.	Daily
	Work in a team environment.	Daily
	Work in different geographic locations.	Regular
	Be exposed to all outdoor weather conditions.	Occasional
	Work in unstructured environments (eg outreach).	Regular
	Work office hours with the possibility of extended hours.	Daily
	Work in an open plan office.	Daily
	Work in buildings which may be two-storey.	Daily
	Sit at a computer or in meetings for extended periods.	Daily
	Present at court and other jurisdictions.	Regular
	Perform 'on call' duties.	Occasional
Manual Handling	Undertake manual handling (eg: lifting, moving, transferring, twisting, restraining, supporting) of clients.	Occasional
	Undertake manual handling (eg: lifting, pulling, pushing, moving, transferring, digging, twisting, restraining, supporting) of equipment, which would be of varying weight and size.	Occasional
People Contact	Work with clients who may have a physical or sensory disability.	Occasional
	Liaise with government, non-government and community organisations.	Regular
	Interact with members of the public who may display the full range of emotional expressions, including parents, partners, significant others, family members, advocates, doctors, police.	Regular
	Interact with clients and members of the public who could display verbal or physically challenging behaviour.	Regular
	Support and participate with clients in recreational activities (eg: gardening, ball games, swimming, walking, camping, hiking, trampolining, tennis, cricket).	Occasional
	Facilitate access to specialist, generic and community services.	Regular
	Assist with personal and self-care activities such as toileting, meals, dressing and maintenance of personal hygiene.	Occasional
	Undertake supervisory, recruitment, training and professional development activities.	Daily

Administrative Tasks	Undertake administrative tasks which may include the following: computer work, filing, writing reports, case notes/plans and client records, participating in meetings, concentrating for long periods of time, managing resources and budget and researching and analysing information and data.	Daily
	Undertake intensive administrative tasks, which include computer work, report writing (eg financial reports), participating in meetings and concentrating for long periods of time.	Daily
	Use technology including photocopier, telephones including mobiles, fax, overhead projectors, televisions, videos, electronic whiteboards.	Daily
Transport	Drive vehicles possibly over long distances and in all traffic and weather conditions.	Regular
	Use public transport including trains, buses, trams and taxis.	Occasional
	Drive vehicles with possible distractions from client behaviour, verbal or physical.	Occasional
General Tasks	Undertake general household duties (eg: food preparation, sweeping, dusting, shopping, mopping, vacuuming, laundering, gardening, cooking, cleaning baths, showers and toilets).	Occasional