

Position Title: Night Residential Unit Supervisor Team: Residential Care Region: Hume

Supervisor: Team Leader **Residential Services**

Delegations and Authorities: In Line with Delegations Policy

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ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

OUR VISION AND FOCUS

All children should have a good childhood, growing up feeling safe, nurtured and with hope for the future.

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.

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.

We also engage government, other community organisations and the general public in child-focussed advocacy and knowledge sharing.

OUR VALUES

Berry Street expects all staff to apply these Values in all aspects of their work.

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.

ROLE CONTEXT

Berry Street's Residential Services offers accommodation and support to children and young people who are referred through the Child Protection system.

The Night Residential Unit Supervisor is an integral role ensuring the overnight safety of children and young people living in our residential houses.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE ROLE

The primary objectives of the role are to provide supervision, support, coaching and mentoring to a team of Night Residential Care workers that ensures high quality, therapeutically focused care and attend to and respond to queries and concerns from staff in a prompt manner.

The Night Residential Unit Supervisor ensures that the overnight safety plans for the children and young people are met, ensures the house environment provides a sense of safety, structure, acceptance and security at all times for children and young people and for staff and oversees the night time operation of a Unit in accordance with Berry Street Values, Policies, Guidelines and Practice Standards and Practice Manuals/directions.

The Night Residential Unit Supervisor will provide telephone support and advice to night residential care workers and attend incidents as required, providing an on-site response.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

This role is based at our Hume Region and works in all of the residential houses. It is part of the broader Residential Services Team.

This role reports to the Team Leader Residential Services who will provide supervision and review. This role supervises the night residential care workers and works in a team environment with other team members, particularly supervisors and team leader.

This is a permanent part time position.

EXPECTATIONS

- Conduct themselves in accordance with the Berry Street Code of Conduct which is underpinned by the values of accountability, courage, integrity, respect and working together.
- Have a demonstrated understanding of and commitment to the principles of equity, diversity, continual improvement, risk management and occupational health and safety.
- 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.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA: KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED TO FULFIL THE ROLE

- Excellent written and oral communication skills (including public speaking, presentations and facilitation skills)
- Demonstrated ability to flexibly manage competing priorities and stressful situations, monitoring own stress levels and practicing and promoting self-care strategies
- Experience providing supervision, monitoring workloads and individual performance.
- Demonstrate culturally informed and respectful practice.
- Capacity and skills in engaging children and young people who have experienced significant trauma and demonstrate emotional and behavioural dysregulation. The ability to adapt engagement and communication strategies according to the situation.
- Empathy for the young people in our care, open mindedness, non-judgemental and understanding.
- A genuine commitment to provide stability and quality care for children and young people who have experienced significant trauma.
- Able to think clearly, calmly making decisions as required, often in a crisis.
- Capacity to acquire knowledge of legislation, policy and issues relating to children and young people involved with Child Protection and Youth Justice.
- Capacity to acquire knowledge and understanding of child development and understand the reasons behind traumatised children and young people's behaviour.
- Highly-developed capacity for emotional self-regulation including the capacity to set and maintain consistent boundaries to provide safety, stability and consistency.
- A commitment to personal growth and development and a willingness to participate in regular supervision, training and reflective practice.

A recognised and relevant qualification in residential care (Certificate IV in Child, Youth and Family Intervention), social work, youth work, alcohol/other drugs (or other relevant qualification) and/or substantial experience in working therapeutically with children and young people. The foundational and TRC specific stages of the mandatory staff training in trauma-informed care (With Care Training). 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.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ACCOUNTABILITY	SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES
Direct Service Delivery	• Ensure a home-like setting both inside and outside that provides a sense of normality and community, and ensure the physical and emotional safety of each child or young person where they are protected from re-traumatising experiences.
	• Establish and develop relationships with other agencies as appropriate such as DHS, Police, Mental Health, Education Providers etc. to ensure resident's needs are met.
	• Working with staff to ensure the therapeutic needs of each child or young person based on the specialised assessment process are met on a day to day basis.
	Update systems to ensure that client record systems are kept up to date and contain all information required.
	• In conjunction with Unit Supervisors, assist in the overall monitoring, development and identification of service delivery gaps of the Regions Residential Services.
	• Supervise staff to provide a high standard of care to children and young people with the key focus of assisting children and young people to settle for bed time.
	Communicate with all night staff throughout the shift to ensure staff and young people are safe
	Respond promptly to telephone calls from staff seeking assistance or clarification
	• Respond to incidents in person, providing an on-site support as required to assist night staff to manage incidents or attend to the needs of the young people.
	Assist in the management of de-escalating young people.
	Support and facilitate young people to feel connected and safe in the residential care unit.
	• Support young people to keep themselves safe by discussing strategies with young people through incidental learning on a case by case basis and by following crisis management plans and the Overnight Safety Plan.
	Attend incidents as requested for HBC, ICMS, Lead Tenant etc.
Environment	Oversee the houses during the night and review them with the lens of being a warm and homelike environment
	• Work with the night staff and liaise with the Unit Supervisor to explore strategies to enable the house to be quiet and settled overnight (as appropriate).
	When engaging with young people, model appropriate behaviours for the benefit of staff and young people
Administration	To keep, maintain and secure designated records (including electronic records).
	To document records as required (including ERIN reports) and ensure staff complete all documentation.
	Verify and submit staff timesheets to the Manager.
	• To manage and supervise closely, Unit expenditure such as petty cash, monthly Unit allowance and other client related expenses.
	• Advise the appropriate people of any repairs that may be required at the unit or with any equipment used by staff and young people.

	Update the WIKI as appropriate
	Liaise with the Residential Workers for back up as required
Human Resources	Assist in the recruitment, selection, and training of Residential staff as required.
	Facilitate the orientation and induction of new staff in to the Unit.
	Coordinate staff leave arrangements to ensure adequate coverage and minimum use of agency staff.
	Provide formal supervision for the Residential staff in accordance with Berry Street Victoria Policy.
	• In conjunction with the Team Leader Residential Services, complete annual performance appraisals of all Residential staff in accordance with Berry Street Policy.
	Support staff during and post incidents, facilitating demobilisation and defusing for staff as required.
	Inform the team leader/manager of all serious incidents as soon as they occur
	Support the development of skills and capabilities of Residential staff in consultation with the Team Leader / Manager
	Participate in and prepare for supervision.
	Complete all mandatory training within the required timelines.
	Have awareness of EAP availability.
Quality	Participate in OHS and Fire compliance activities
	Duress Alarm Checks weekly
	Ensure night staff are meeting these expectations.



CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- 1. This position is for 41.5 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 Victoria 2014-2017 Agreement*.
- 2. You will initially be employed at our Shepparton Office. You 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 2014-2017 Agreement*, which includes above Award payments and eligibility for remuneration packaging. Salary packaging up to \$15,900 is available to Berry Street employees who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in our Salary Packaging Policy.
- 4. The base salary for this position is Residential Supervisor L1 \$66,794.93 (pro rata, not including shift penalties) under the *Berry Street Victoria 2014-2017 Agreement*. The value of the salary can be increased through salary packaging.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Superannuation will be paid according to Superannuation Guarantee into a compliant fund of your choice or into HESTA Superannuation Fund.
- 7. The successful applicant will be required to undergo satisfactory pre-employment checks, including 2 professional referees, a pre-existing injury/disease declaration, a criminal records check and proof of identify and qualifications.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.	Regular
	Work in unstructured environments (e.g. outreach).	Regular
	Work office hours with the possibility of extended hours.	Regular
	Work on-call after hours.	Regular
	Work in an open plan office.	Daily
	Work in buildings which may be two-storey	Regular
	Sit at a computer or in meetings for extended periods	Daily
	Work in an environment with competing demands.	Daily
	Present at court and other jurisdictions.	Occasional
Manual Handling	Undertake manual handling (e.g.: lifting, pulling, pushing, moving, transferring, twisting, restraining, supporting) of equipment and clients which would be of varying weight and size.	Regular
People Contact	Work with clients who may have a physical or sensory disability	Regular
	Assist in personal and self-care activities such as toileting, meals, dressing, and maintenance of personal	Occasionally
	Liaise with government, non-government and community organisations	Daily
	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
	Facilitate access to specialist, generic and community services	Daily
	Undertake training and professional development activities.	Regular
Administrative Tasks	Undertake administrative tasks which may include the following: computer work, filing, writing reports, case notes/plans and client records,	Daily

	participating in meetings, concentrating for long periods of time, managing resources and budget and researching and analysing information and data.	
	Undertake intensive administrative tasks, which include computer work, report writing (e.g. 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, and electronic whiteboards.	Daily
General Tasks	Undertake general household duties which could include sweeping, dusting, shopping, mopping, vacuuming, laundering, gardening, cooking and food preparation.	Occasionally
Transport	Drive vehicles (cars and mini buses) possibly over long distances and in all traffic and weather conditions.	Daily
	Drive vehicles with possible distractions from client behaviour, verbal or physical.	Occasional