

Position Title: Team Leader Targeted Care Packages and Our House

Team: Child, Youth & Families

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Band: C Salary: Stream 1, Level 7

OUR VISION AND PURPOSE

We believe children, young people and families should be safe, thriving and hopeful.

Our Vision for 2022: Together we will courageously change lives and reimagine service systems.

For over 140 years, Berry Street has adapted to a changing world, and we will continue to adapt to achieve our purpose.

Berry Street will continue to be a strong and independent voice for the children, young people and families with whom we work. In collaboration with others, we will advocate for investment in early intervention and prevention services that enable families to be safe and stay together. We will use approaches that are culturally safe and informed by the best evidence available. We will measure and learn from the impact of our work, and we will continually contemporise our models of practice.

We look forward to working with children, young people, families, carers, staff and partners to achieve this vision. Together.

OUR VALUES

We expect all staff to apply these Values in all aspects of their work.

Courage: to never give up, maintain hope and advocate for a 'fair go'

Integrity: to be true to our word

Respect: to acknowledge each person's culture, traditions, identity, rights, needs and aspirations

Accountability: to constantly look at how we can improve, using knowledge and experience of what works, and ensure that all our resources and assets are used in the best possible way

Working Together: to work with our clients, each other and our colleagues to share knowledge, ideas, resources and skills

ROLE CONTEXT

The role provides oversight of Berry Street's Targeted Care Packages (TCP) and the Our House Program across the South East Victorian region. TCP provides a range of assessment and case coordination services to children and young people that may present with a range of complex needs. The program is responsible for the coordination of Targeted Care Packages. The service promotes interdisciplinary collaboration and has well established networks with other key stakeholders that aim to provide individually tailored, well-resourced holistic approaches that assist children and young people recover from trauma, prevent further escalation and promote improved wellbeing, health and stability. Additionally, to this role includes is the oversight of Our House which is a day respite program for children referred by Child Protection while awaiting placement in the region.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE ROLE

- Provide operational support to Senior Manager, Child, Youth & Families.
- Manage a diverse team, provide supervision and promote TCP and Our House functions.
- Lead the relationship with the funder with respect to TCPs.
- Monitor and review the TCPs (inclusive of all components such as case management, support, and all financial aspects of the TCP).
- Provide oversight of carer reviews and annual reviews in conjunction with management.
- Develop the TCP packages and ensure quality reporting on the TCPs.
- Oversee case management, ensuring placements are safe for children and carers are supported and managed accordingly and that children's connection to families, friendships, community and culture are supported.
- Engage with the service sector, maintain and strengthen collaborative working relationships with the Department of Families, Fairness & Housing (DFFH) and others to facilitate receiving placement referrals and enable the TCP team to provide high quality case management.
- Oversee referrals and intake to Our House and coordinate staffing to this service.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

This role is based at our Morwell Office, Gunaikurnai Country in the South East Victorian Region but will require regular travel to Noble Park to support team members based in the metropolitan area.

This role reports to the Senior Manager, Child, Youth & Families who will provide supervision and review.

This role directly supervises the Key Workers in TCP and provides supervision and guidance to TCP support staff in conjunction with the Key Workers.

EXPECTATIONS

- Conduct oneself in accordance with the Berry Street Code of Conduct which is underpinned by the values of accountability, courage, integrity, respect and working together within the principles of continuous improvement and occupational health and safety.
- Berry Street is committed to service delivery that prioritises diversity and inclusion. We aim to ensure every individual is treated with dignity and respect regardless of their cultural background, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, spirituality or religion.
- Berry Street is committed to being a child safe, child friendly and child empowering organisation. In everything we do we seek to protect children. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children; children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds; children with a disability; children who identify with a sexual and or gender minority identity.

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 practising and promoting self-care strategies.
- Knowledge and demonstrable experience in delivering innovative and effective approaches for young people with complex needs.
- Knowledge of the Out of Home Care system and Child Protection statutory requirements with relations to TCP and Our House.
- Demonstrated ability to achieve positive outcomes for young people through a strengths-based, outcomes-focused case management approach.
- Demonstrated ability to advocate for client needs, influencing decisions in clients' best interests.
- Demonstrated leadership skills, in particular experience in leading, supervising, and managing people to achieve desired outcomes.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and the capacity to negotiate and liaise with staff, carers, DHHS, other stakeholders.
- Excellent organisational skills and financial literacy.
- Well-developed individual and systemic advocacy skills.

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QUALIFICATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS	DESIRABLE		
Relevant tertiary qualification in Social Work, Youth Work or other related discipline.	Demonstrated leadership/ supervision experience.		
 Knowledge of the Children, Youth and Families Act and Protection and Care's Best Interest planning principles and procedures and relevant legislation. 			
Experience within the welfare sector.			
 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	 Provide casework support at times, aimed at minimising the protective concerns and maximising personal development through a range of intervention techniques. Liaise with relevant services and advocate on behalf of 'at risk' children, young people and families to ensure access to resources and facilities where necessary. Be prepared to carry a mobile phone in order to fulfil the requirements of your role and respond to crises when required. Liaise with relevant services and advocate on behalf of children & young people to ensure access to resources where necessary. Develop TCPs, in conjunction with clients and other key stakeholders; To ensure the communication of all relevant information about the young person is provided to other professional staff that support them and their carer/s (Case manager, DFFH, school and other support services etc.). Oversee the implementation of individual therapeutic treatment plans, LAC, crisis management plans and case plans. Provide orientation, support, supervision, annual staff appraisals and professional development plans and performance management to staff in line with Berry Street policy. Ensure that volunteer caregivers and live in mentors are receiving supervision, support and development according to their needs. In accordance with Berry Street policy and DFFH requirements, co-ordinate the appropriate response and ensure appropriate support during and follow up of serious incidents for staff, volunteers and clients. Promptly identify and address issues where the delivery of service or the performance of a staff member or volunteer does not meet standards expected by Berry Street and / or the funding body and report to the Manager, Complex Client Services. Monitor workloads, staff wellbeing and assist in annual staff appraisals. Ensure that the intake, case allocation, review and backup processes and systems are in place to maintain a high level of respon
Co-ordination, support, development and leadership of a team	 With management, be responsible for the recruitment and induction of case managers. Provide supervision and professional development opportunities for team members. Provide support and direction for team members during and post incidents. Assist and support in over-viewing referrals, case allocation, case planning and reviewing and risk assessment. Monitor workloads, staff wellbeing and assist in annual staff appraisals. Ensure all documentation requested of case managers is accurate and timely. This includes, but is not restricted to all reporting requirements, client files, statistics and work analysis. In conjunction with management, be responsible for petty cash, management of TCP budgets and other team finances. Conduct project work as requested.

Administration	 Represent Berry Street in all relevant Divisional TCP forums. Ensure that all relevant TCP data is up to date. Monitor the progress of TCPs, including service delivery and expenditure. Ensure all documentation requested of keyworkers is accurate and timely. This includes, but is not restricted to all reporting requirements, client files, statistics and work analysis, Prepare Critical Incident Reports for DFFH and Berry Street as required.
Other	 Act in accordance with the Berry Street Code of Conduct. To attend all relevant organisational meetings. To participate in supervision. To attend all mandatory training and additional training as nominated. To ensure that duty of care is undertaken in a professional manner with due regards to relevant agency and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing policies. Comply with organisational quality assurance processes, policy, legal requirements and professional practice standards. 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.



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
People Contact	Liaise with government, non-government and community organisations.	Daily
	Work with clients who may have a physical or sensory disability.	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
	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, participating in meetings, concentrating for long periods of time, managing resources and budget and researching and analysing information and data.	Daily
	Use technology including photocopier, telephones including mobiles, fax, overhead projectors, televisions, videos, and electronic whiteboards.	Daily
Transport	Drive vehicles possibly over long distances and in all traffic and weather conditions.	Regular
	Drive vehicles with possible distractions from client behaviour, verbal or physical.	Occasional