
Position Title:	Group Worker
Program:	Children's Specialist Support Service
Classification:	SCHCDS level 4
Location:	South Melbourne

Organisation Overview

Launch Housing has an ambitious and singular mission to end homelessness. Driven by our values of Empowerment, Fresh Thinking, Agility, Leadership and Courage, we aim to get people housed, keep them housed and be an influential voice on ending homelessness.

Through partnerships, research and evidence-based approaches, we seek to pioneer new methods and fresh ways to develop sustainable solutions to homelessness.

To find out more, visit our website at - <https://www.launchhousing.org.au/>.

Position Context and Overview

The Group Worker is responsible for organizing and facilitating therapeutic and recreational groups for children and parents who have experienced homelessness and/or family violence. The Group Work Program is part of the larger Children's Specialist Support Service, and the Group Worker reports to the Coordinator/s of this team. This role is an exciting opportunity to create positive environments for children, and provide them with opportunities for play and learning.

Key Responsibilities

- Organise and facilitate regular recreational and therapeutic groups for children and/ or their parents
- Develop groups where needed, pilot these groups, and embed them in practice
- Build and maintain partnerships with external organisations, and grow opportunities for co-facilitation
- Enhance children's physical, social and emotional development through recreational and therapeutic group work
- Empower parents to support their children in relation to their developmental, social and emotional needs
- Support the bond between parents and their children
- Link children and parents to the local community, and provide referrals to local support services as necessary
- Manage administrative processes underpinning service delivery, including financial administration, data management and reporting processes
- Participate in service review and development, with a view to enhancing the provision of effective and efficient group work
- Contribute to a positive culture within your team and the organization as a whole that reflects Launch Housing's mission, vision and values
- Communicate effectively and proactively in your team
- Actively participate in supervision and coaching
- Maintain relevant relationships and proactively build Launch Housing's brand and enhance client outcomes

Key Selection Criteria

- Tertiary qualifications in Social Work, Psychology, Early Childhood or a related discipline
- Experience in the social service sector, preferably working with children with complex needs
- Experience with and knowledge of issues affecting children and families experiencing homelessness and/ or family violence
- An understanding of the ages and stages of childhood development
- Demonstrated ability to implement a trauma informed approach when designing and facilitating group work programs
- Demonstrated ability to build positive relationships and communicate with people of diverse backgrounds and abilities
- Highly developed self-reflection and self-care skills
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills with demonstrated ability to manage competing demands and meet deadlines
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Hold a current Victorian driver's license

Relevant Site Information

This position is based at the Launch Housing South Melbourne site at 217 Cecil Street, South Melbourne.