



POSITION DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE	Therapist - Social Worker
JOB LOCATION	Carlton, Sydney

“Compassion is not a relationship between the healer and the wounded. It’s a relationship between equals. Only when we know our own darkness well can we be present with the darkness of others. Compassion becomes real when we recognise our shared humanity” Pema Chödrön

About Edie’s Place:

Edie’s Place is an opportunity to do and think about our responses to women with lived and living experiences of violence differently.

Edie’s Place is a not-for-profit located in Southeast Sydney, offering a therapeutic community for women (and their children), with lived and living experiences of violence and abuse, seeking emotional safety and connection. Edie’s Place provides a place of beauty and dignity for women who have experienced violence to find what is useful to create difference in their lives, recognising that this is diverse for everyone.

The Edie’s Place team work diligently together to create a space of sanctuary, in the hope that it provides women with a safe, quiet place to think, reflect and join together. To foster this, the team offers individual therapeutic support, facilitates community gatherings, and collaborates with other thinkers and creatives. Whilst Edie’s Place is not a front-line crisis response to violence, we hold a belief that we are personally and professionally responders to violence.

A week at Edie’s Place might include our Team Members offering; individual therapy sessions, facilitating therapeutic groups or gatherings, participating in team reflection and thinking, or hosting our Open Home days; where women can come and use the space for quiet reflection and/or join together in community.

The role:

An Edie's Place Therapeutic Practitioner offers:

- Therapeutic support to women with lived or living experiences of violence.
 - **Decenter clinician expertise and being client led:**
 - Offer therapeutic relationship in a person centered and collaborative approach, following her lead as she rejuvenates the dignity taken by violence.
 - Be collaborative, creative and flexible in all aspects of our work
 - Offer mothers therapeutic support as they parent in the context of violence.
- A commitment to sitting alongside women in the complexities of their experiences
- A grounding and ongoing learning in current thinking on violence and trauma
- Ongoing commitment to critical thinking and growth.
- A comfortability in the unknown (Is able to sit with more questions than answers) and a commitment to try to do things differently.
- A knowledge of our shared humanity
- A warm and joyful welcome as we host women and women and their children and other gatherings of community.
- Our calm presence to facilitate a space of sanctuary with the intention that Edie's Place would be useful for women
- Openness to collaborative thinking and connections with others within the broader community.

As part of Edie's Place Team our responsibilities are:

- Participation in team meetings, clinical supervision and organisational supervision (for Edie's Place development) and Team reflection and discussions
- Participation in ongoing development of the evolution of Edie's Place
- Undertake supervision of a Social Work (or related field) student on placement, where desired and appropriate
- Demonstrate kind and respectful relationships to all who work at, visit and use Edie's Place.
- Actively participate in the upkeep, maintenance, safety and security of the Edie's Place premises
- Ensure that all documentation about women who access Edie's Place is respectful, violence informed and in alignment with Edie's Place Information Privacy and Storage policy.
- Recognise and participate in community responses to violence.

Qualifications/Education/Knowledge

- Bachelor's degree in social work or related discipline
- Demonstrated experience in working therapeutically with women who have experienced violence and abuse.
- High level knowledge of offering therapeutic support to women as they parent in the context of domestic violence.

- A critical understanding of the gendered nature of violence and the multiple systemic responses to it.
- Demonstrate a highly flexible and creative approach to practice
- Demonstrated commitment to reflective practice and working as a team
- High level oral and written communication skills
- Experience working with clients from diverse backgrounds and circumstances.
- NSW Working with Children Check Clearance
- NSW Police Check

Under the provisions of section 126A of the Anti-Discrimination act 1977, and on the recommendation of Anti-Discrimination NSW, an exemption is given from the provision of the Anti-Discrimination act 1977 to Edie's Place Ltd. to enable it to employ an only female workforce and to allow for women and their children exclusive access to its community spaces and services.