

The Carroll Centre	
Job description: Play Leader	
Job Description:-	Play Leader (Temporary contract maternity cover)
Work Location:-	The Carroll Children's Centre
Address:	Stanmore, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 4EJ
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E mail:-	c.y.c@btconnect.com
Salary:-	£8.50 per hour 16 hours per week £16354 (pro rata)
Start date:-	September 2010
Type of Contract:-	Temporary: 6 months maternity cover
Application closing date:-	Monday 26 th July
Interview dates:-	Week beginning: 2 nd August
Background:-	
<p>The Carroll is a centre working with children, young people and their families, which has a charitable status. It has worked closely within the community for over 15 years providing extended services, including a Children's Centre, after school care and youth provision.</p> <p>This is an exciting opportunity for a Childcare Practitioner to join our Children's Centre team and develop skills to work in a community setting with children and families.</p>	
Role Profile:-	
<p>Working with children from 0-5, you will be involved in the development of the crèche as well as supporting our stay and play sessions for children under 5 and their families. The Crèche facility enables parents/carers of preschool aged children to participate in the Centre's activities such as adult learning. Our stay and play sessions provide families with the opportunity to have fun playing and learning together.</p> <p>For more information please contact Emma Hayward, Children's Centre Co-ordinator: 01962 840022</p>	
Key responsibilities:-	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work as part of the Children's Centre team, delivering services to children under 5 and their families to improve outcomes for children. • To take on a supervisory role in crèche sessions, supporting staff, 	

students and volunteers.

- To provide a relaxed and happy environment for the child, by planning and providing a choice of play activities suitable to the age and stage of the children in your care, supporting children's development in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS).
- Maintain a healthy, safe environment and ensure children feel protected, safe and secure
- Maintaining records i.e. a register, safe collection procedures, incidents, accidents and other occurrences.
- To monitor children's development through observations and in partnership with parents, providing activities to support their progress.
- To meet the individual developmental and nurturing needs of children in your care.
- To be a positive role model for children and parents / carers.
- To engage with children and parents / carers, supporting play opportunities for children and their parents / carers.
- Maintain displays of children's work
- Be involved in family learning projects and help provide group work
- Willingness to access and learn from supervision and training
- To follow the centre's policies and procedures and maintain high quality, appropriate practice.
- Ability to meet the travel requirements of the post
- To undertake any other duties as directed, at the discretion of the Children's Centre Co-Ordinator and Head of Centre

Play Leader Person Specification JULY 2010

The following section provides an outline of the essential and desirable skills and experience for this role. Candidates should ensure that evidence is clearly provided in their application in order to demonstrate if these levels have been attained.

Skills and experience

Essential

- Knowledge and understanding of child development 0 – 5 years and related issues.
- Minimum 2 years experience of work with children in a paid or voluntary capacity.
- Knowledge and understanding of Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS) and ability to deliver this through crèche and play sessions.
- Ability to provide a range of play opportunities to stimulate children's development and learning
- Experience of and ability to work in partnership with parents and carers
- Good verbal communication skills, listening and observation.
- Experience and ability to write reports and maintain records.
- Knowledge of Every Child Matters green paper and understanding of factors that make a child vulnerable
- Experience and ability to work as part of a team
- Willingness to access and learn from supervision and training

- Ability to make decisions, judgements and expectations within the limits of the role.

Desirable

- Group work facilitation skills
- Knowledge of the variety of factors which may present barriers to working with some families. Which Sure Start deems as “hard to reach”.
- IT literate

Qualifications and Education

Essential

- CACHE/ NNEB Diploma in Childcare / NVQ level 3 Equivalent Childcare
- Evidence of numeracy and literacy skills

Desirable

- Current first aid certificate

Working conditions

The following section provides an outline of the working conditions that may be encountered in this role

- Manual handling of objects up to 5kg weekly
- Laptop and desktop PC user
- Working with Adults
- Working with children
 - under 8 years
 - 8-16 years
- Working with people with special needs
- Ability to meet the travel requirements of the post