

SESSIONAL FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER – AUTISM SERVICES - DERBYSHIRE VARIOUS ROLES AVAILABLE

Derbyshire Autism Services (DAS) is a vibrant and developing organisation working closely with children and adults, in support, development and leisure activities. They believe in the abilities and potential of their service users. Support can include working 1:1 or 2:1 with the child, young person or adult for a set number of hours a week or responding to an unforeseen need flexibly and sensitively. 1:1 time can involve improving life skills, working on communication skills, increasing familiarity with everyday situations or just relaxing and enjoying leisure activities, such as swimming or the cinema. They also offer group activities such as social groups and clubs for both adults and children. Group activities are leisure, support, reflection or information based. Parents and other service users rate the quality of DAS delivery very highly.

Owing to an increase in demand for support services, DAS now require additional Family Support Workers to work **across Derbyshire**. DAS are interested in hearing from a wide range of applicants who care about and believe in people and are passionate about support work. Given the nature of the work and the needs and potential of their service users, and the current make-up of the support team, DAS are in particular need of male workers. However, applications are welcomed from anyone interested in this type of work, especially from those living in the north and south of the county. Preference will be given to those who can commit to regular working at weekends, evenings and during school holidays, as part of their contracted hours.

If you are interested in this role, have your own car and are able to secure business insurance, then read on!

THE ROLE

As a Family Support Worker, you will be:

- Supporting children, young people and adults with ASC to enable them to participate in a variety of social and/or leisure opportunities.
- Liaising with parents and carers to ensure that every effort is made to fit in with their needs and priorities and with those of the child, young person or adult.
- Advocating on behalf of families and people with autism and other disabilities.
- Preparing and completing all necessary documentation relating to the services you provide, including (but not limited to) care plans, risk assessments, visits reports and progress reports.
- Liaising regularly with the Service Managers to keep them informed of service delivery and any issues arising
- Liaising with families to ensure that the clients' needs are met
- Providing 1:1 and/or group support through planned activities in the community
- **You will be working mostly at weekends, in the evenings and during school holidays**
- You will be working at various locations across Derbyshire (Locations to suit clients' needs and circumstances.)

THE PERSON

- The successful Family Support Worker will ideally have similar experience; however, this is not essential as comprehensive training will be provided as well as logistical and technical support.
- For the role you **MUST** be able to commit to working regular weekends, evenings and during school holidays
- You **MUST** be physically robust and able to communicate effectively
- You should have an awareness of the needs of people with autism
- You should have an understanding of the need for safeguarding
- You **MUST** be able to pass a DBS Check (Disclosure and Barring Service check)
- You must have a full driving licence, access to a car and be able to secure business insurance

THE PACKAGE

- £17,433 pa to start, rising to £17,803.50 for a Full-Time post or Pro Rata on successful completion of the 3 months' probationary period Posts can be Full Time, Fractional or Sessional.
- £8.94 per hour to start, rising to £9.13 on successful completion of 3 months' probationary period
- **You will be paid for time spent and mileage incurred travelling to and between clients in accordance with company policy**
- 45p per mile mileage allowance
- Expenses (subject to the terms)
- Comprehensive training, including but not limited to:
 - Introduction to and strategies for working with autism
 - Working with families
 - Safeguarding and company policies
- Working as part of a small and highly supportive organisation (a small and well-established local charity)
- An opportunity to provide meaningful and important support to vulnerable individuals and their families