

Post title: Intergenerational Play Leader
Responsible to: Development Officer
Pay scale: £9 per hour

Purpose of Job:

The post holder host a playgroup in a residential care home, ensuring good relationships between residents and the attending local families. You will act as a sessional member of staff for Percy Community Centre and will contribute to the provision of a high quality play service, ensuring the well-being and enjoyment of children attending sessions.

We recognise the importance of giving children opportunities to play with a range of ages, and how generations can learn much by playing with each other as it can help to improve social and communication skills. Therefore the post holder will ensure the smooth running of the intergenerational play sessions both off-site in the residential care home, and occasionally in the Centre, as required.

Main Duties:

- Ensure that all new children and parents are welcomed on arrival
- Setting up toys and resources 30 minutes prior to start of session
- Clear away toys and resources at end of session
- Ensure that activities are available that are appropriate to the expected age range
- Provide a range of activities promoting physical, intellectual, language, emotional and social development
- Organise and clear away refreshments where required
- Be aware of Health & Safety issues and respond immediately
- Be aware of child protection issues that may occur and report any concerns
- Talk to and build relationships with parents and clients accessing the service

Essential Qualifications:

- Paediatric First Aid - or willingness to train
- Child Protection - or willingness to train

Qualifications (preferred but not essential):

- Relevant Early Years/Childcare
- Manual Handling

Knowledge (essential):

- Awareness of the play and care needs of children
- Awareness of the principles of inclusive play
- Awareness of the needs of parents and residents
- Awareness of social and physical needs of older people

Skills (essential):

- Ability to work effectively with a range of children
- Ability to follow instructions and work within management guidelines
- To be resourceful, imaginative and interested in children's play
- Good communication skills – including a friendly, enthusiastic approach to parents and children.

Experience (essential):

- Experience of working with children and babies
- Experience of working within a team

Other:

- Enhanced DBS Disclosure (can be provided)
- Two references, at least one from past/present employment (not from a family member)
- A flexible approach

For an application form or further information:

- Telephone 01225 423014
- Email info@percycentre.org.uk
- Contact the Percy Community Centre