

Senior 1001 Days (Perinatal) Support Worker

1001 Days Support Service, Greenwich

£24,218 - £26,489 (pro rata) inc. Outer London Weighting

14.8 hours per week

The 1001 Day service offers support to families where a parent is struggling with their emotional health and wellbeing or where they have been diagnosed with a low to moderate level perinatal mental illness. We also support families when their personal circumstances mean they may be vulnerable to perinatal mental illness, substance misuse or domestic abuse.

The service provides parents with dedicated family support delivered by a trained volunteer who offers emotional support and support to access other specialist or universal services.

The aims of the service are to:

- Improve mental health and wellbeing of new parents
- Support a positive relationship between parents and their baby
- Reduce Social isolation of families
- Increase self confidence of parents

The service provides a period of intensive support to the mother, her partner and her immediate family throughout pregnancy and the first two years of the child's life.

As the Senior Perinatal Support Worker you will be expected to provide casework support to families as well as oversee the support provided to families by volunteers. This will include ensuring the development of SMART support plans, coproducing risk assessments with families and organising the co-facilitation of group work. You will also be expected to supervise staff and volunteers and to recruit, train and induct volunteers in conjunction with the Project Manger. You will liaise and engage with statutory and other voluntary sector agencies in order to ensure all support needs are met. You will be required to maintain accurate, timely, appropriate records of activity on our case management system.

The successful candidate will be educated to level three or above with a recognised professional qualification in social work, health, education or equivalent, you will have knowledge and experience of how parental mental ill health can affect family relationships and specifically the mother and baby relationship and an understanding of

attachment theory and its centrality in the perinatal approach. You will have experience of supervising staff or volunteers and a confident and professional approach to working with parents, colleagues and external agencies and have excellent assessment, planning and record keeping skills including risk assessments. You will have the ability to facilitate groups with an understanding of the importance of setting aims, objectives and the importance of evaluating outcomes.

We are forward looking, ambitious and with a commitment to continuous improvement. We are a people focused, can-do organisation that strives for excellence in all we do and operates with mutual respect. If you share these values and behaviours and have the necessary skills then we look forward to hearing from you.

Appointments are subject to Family Action receiving an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service that we consider acceptable.

For an application pack and further information, please visit www.family-action.org.uk/workingwithus

Please email completed applications to: completed.application23@family-action.org.uk

Closing date: 31 August 2016 at 12 noon

Interview date: 07 September 2016

Family Action offers good working conditions, a comprehensive training programme and a Group Personal Pension Scheme (GPPS). We welcome applications from all sections of the community.