

**Starlight Senior WellFamily Worker**

**£17,000 - £18,460 per annum - (£29,953 to £ 32,526 FTE) inclusive of Inner London Weighting**

**21 hours per week, temporary contract until March 2020**

**Make a Difference to Families of children and young people with health needs**

Family Action's Hackney WellFamily Service has been providing practical, emotional, financial support to families experiencing mental health issues since 1996. We are delighted to have been awarded one year's funding under City & Hackney CCG's Healthier Hackney Grant to deliver support to families with a child/young person who has been diagnosed with a physical or mental health issue or a disability.

Often, there is very little support available for families during the period when children are diagnosed with a health issue or disability. Underlying social and practical issues often impact upon families' abilities to manage childhood illnesses closer to home. Our Starlight WellFamily Service will support families who need tailored information, advice and practical support, as well as short term emotional support to increase: levels of confidence and resilience; skills, activities and behaviours that support their child's health as well as improve/protect their own physical and emotional wellbeing.

You will have excellent holistic assessments as well as consultation skills and experience of providing empowering support to adults and families in a planned and structured way to improve mental health, recovery and well-being outcomes.

You will have skills to liaise closely with a variety of health and social care professionals, such as the Starlight Ward, Children's A&E, Homerton Perinatal Service, GPs, Children's Learning Disability Service at Hackney Ark, CAMHS, Children's Centres and schools. You will have undertaken formal training in relation to health, social care, counselling or therapeutic approaches, or have other relevant professional or academic qualifications. In addition, you will be experienced in working with adults and young people with physical and mental health issues. You will have excellent communication skills and experience of safeguarding adults, young people and children.

You will have a strong understanding of Equal Opportunities and the impact of ill health, deprivation and discrimination on children, young people and families and you will have a commitment and enthusiasm for improving the lives and opportunities of children and young people and adults experiencing health problems. You will have skills to work systemically and recognise the underlying mental health and social issues that impact ability to cope with any childhood diagnosis

You will have the skills to provide tailored information, advice, support and short-term counselling for up to 8 sessions to empower families to prevent and manage health and wellbeing, increase their resilience and confidence, and improve their access to health and community support, and build their independence.

*Alongside our high quality, reflective casework and line management supervision you will also participate in regular group clinical supervision alongside other Senior WellFamily Plus Workers and our experienced clinical supervisor. 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.*

For an application pack and further information, please visit [www.family-action.org.uk/workingwithus](http://www.family-action.org.uk/workingwithus)



**Please email completed applications to: [completed.application29@family-action.org.uk](mailto:completed.application29@family-action.org.uk)**

**Closing date: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 10am**

**Interview date: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

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