



Therapeutic Practitioner (Counsellor), The Bridge Young Carers Counselling Project

Based in County Durham

37 hours per week

Grade 2 (upper) point 16- 19: £23,766 - £26,177 per annum

Fixed Term Contract (Until 31/12/2023)

At Family Action we transform lives by providing practical, emotional and financial support to those who are experiencing poverty, disadvantage and social isolation. We have been building stronger families since 1869 and today we work with more than 60,000 families in over 150 community based services, as well as supporting thousands more through national programmes and grants.

The Bridge Young Carers Supports Young People across County Durham who have a Caring Role to reduce the impact of caring and to empower children and young people. It builds skills, strengths and resilience. We aim to ensure that children, young people, families and communities have the support they need to: be healthy, be strong and be safe. Thanks to NHS Charities Together, Newcastle Hospitals Charity and County Durham Community Foundation for supporting us with funding of this service from the Covid-19 Community Partnership Grants Programme (North East and North Cumbria).

We are looking to recruit a qualified counsellor to deliver 1-1 and some group therapeutic support to children and young people who have a caring role and are experiencing emotional difficulties. The post holder will work across County Durham; alongside our delivery partner Butterwick Hospice.

You will hold a recognised professional qualification in counselling with membership of the BACP or similar registration and will need enthusiasm, a creative approach to your work and an ability to engage positively with a wide range of people. A sound knowledge of safeguarding is essential as is sharing our commitment to co-production.

We are committed to Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in all that we do and welcome applications from all sections of the community. We particularly welcome applications from Black, Asian and minority ethnic candidates, LGBTQIA+ candidates and candidates with disabilities because we are committed to increasing the representation of these groups at Family Action. We know that greater diversity will lead to even greater results for families and children and strive for our workforce to be truly representative of the diverse communities we support. We offer a guaranteed interview scheme for disabled applicants and will reimburse your travel cost if you attend an interview.

What will we offer you?

We'll offer you flexible working hours, a generous pension scheme and leave entitlements, eye care vouchers, a cycle to work scheme and other great benefits. We have an excellent wellbeing offer and we will invest in your professional development with on-going quality training and career development opportunities. You'll join an established, supportive and high-performing service and have the opportunity to thrive in an innovative organisation that values your opinion, encourages learning and has the needs of children and families at its core.



We are forward looking, ambitious and committed to continuous improvement. We are a **people focused, can-do** organisation, which 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/get-involved/work-us/current-vacancies/

Please email completed applications to: completed.application19@family-action.org.uk

Closing date: Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 12:00 (Noon)

Interview date: TBC

Appointments are subject to Family Action receiving an enhanced disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau which we consider acceptable.

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