 

The ISPCC ***are delighted to bring you this opportunity in partnership TUSLA Child and Family agency***

**Job Specification**

**Job Title: Childline Therapeutic Support Worker.**

**Area: Co Cavan**

# Working Week: 28 hours per week- 3.5days

# Contract Length: 1 year, Subject to Funding

# Location: Cavan (Hybrid – with attendance to the regional office on a regular basis expected)

**The Service**

The Childline Therapeutic Support Service provides a comprehensive, mobile one to one support service (including out of hours access) to children aged 0 - 18 who may be experiencing emotional and behavioural difficulties, with a focus on trauma informed care and practice. Each child referred to the service receives an individual assessment of need upon which a detailed intervention programme is developed. All practice is based on meeting the needs of the child and is evaluated with reference to the outcomes for the child.

**Overall Aims and Objectives:**

* To provide a mobile support service to children with particular focus on Children from War-torn areas including conflict zones including children and young people from Ukraine and those residing in IPAS aged 0-18 years. The service which will include face to face, and web-based support (E Support).
* To provide a support service to children who do not have access to other support options.
* To identify and link children and young people experiencing emotional and or behavioural difficulties or presenting with welfare concerns into targeted individual therapeutic work provided face to face or online.
* To provide these children and young people with the necessary supports to promote psychological resilience and psychological wellbeing, regardless of social and emotional background.
* To educate, develop coping skills, improve relationships and promote positive behaviours and self-regulation.

1. To support a child/young person to address their behavioural or emotional difficulties.
2. To provide a service that empowers children and acknowledges their rights as citizens.
3. To support parents/carers in meeting their child’s needs.

**Job Details**

1. To work with individual children, aged up to 18 years.
2. To facilitate groupworks with children and young people.

* To be active in consulting children and encouraging their participation at all levels within society and within the ISPCC Children’s Advisory Committees.
* To build and maintain relationship with personnel who work alongside children, young people and families from war torn areas such as local integrated development companies, county councils, TUSLA, CYPSC, Schools etc.

1. To organise and deliver groupworks and workshops where appropriate.
2. To actively participate in all campaigns and events run by the society.

* To actively engage in ISPCC Childline research projects.
* To maintain accurate and efficient records of work carried out with families.
* To evaluate the quality and effectiveness of work carried out with families.
* To attend, when requested, team meetings, case conferences, Meitheals, and other service

Meetings.

To work with colleagues to support the delivery of the ISPCC Childline Strategy.

* To be available to engage in other activities as requested by the Society.

**Personal Specifications**

**Essential: Candidates should have the following;**

**Qualification:**

* A third level (level 8) qualification in social sciences or related field.

**Experience:**

* A minimum of two years’ experience, of working directly with children and/or young people and/or families.
* A detailed understanding of community, statutory and voluntary sectors and experience of working with young people through prevention and early intervention towards building resilience, social support and self-regulation of behaviour and emotions.

**Knowledge:**

* Candidates must be able to demonstrate a theoretical and practical knowledge of the following: Child development, child assessment, individual programme planning, child intervention processes, and evaluating client work.
* Candidates must also have demonstrated therapeutic techniques and a working knowledge of children’s legislation with regard to child protection, welfare and children’s rights.

**Ability and Attributes:**

* Candidates must be child-centered with an ability to remain focused on the needs of children and young people.
* Candidates must exhibit a strong commitment to children’s rights.
* Candidates must demonstrate the ability to work as part of interagency groups and network effectively.
* Candidates must be capable of working on own initiative and as part of a team.
* Candidates must possess excellent communication skills.
* Candidates must have the ability to plan and implement individual programme plans for children and young people.
* Candidates must have the ability to undertake parenting work on an individual basis.
* Candidates must be effective at time management with the ability to oversee a number of projects at any given time.
* Candidates must be self-motivated and have the ability to work on their own initiative as well as work as part of a team.
* Candidates must be flexible and be available and willing to work unsociable hours as routinely required.
* Candidates must be I.T. literate and have an ability to maintain computerised client files/records.

**Desirable: .**

* Experience or a keen interest in working with children and young people from warn torn countries such as Ukraine and those living in IPAS.
* Experience of working therapeutically with children and young people online.
* Experience of providing presentations on a small or large group setting
* Experience in delivering small groupworks with children and young people.

**General:**

* Candidates must possess a full, clean driver’s license and own vehicle.

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