



Counsellor | November 2017

Ireland's national organisation for one-parent families is recruiting a part-time **Counsellor** with specific experience of working with couples. One Family is Ireland's organisation for people parenting alone, sharing parenting or separating. We provide support, information and specialist family support services to all members of all one-parent families, as well as to those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and to professionals working with one-parent families. One Family's vision is that every family in Ireland will be cherished equally, and will enjoy the social, financial and legal equality to create their own positive future.

The Counselling Service in One Family provides the following services:

- General Counselling
- Solution-Focussed Counselling
- Unplanned Pregnancy Counselling (on three options: abortion; adoption and parenting)
- Post-Termination Counselling
- Support for Young Parents with Care Experience
- Play Therapy
- Supervision for Counsellors
- Professional Development for those working with Crisis or Unplanned Pregnancy.

Counsellor Role

One Family is recruiting a Counsellor to help meet the needs of its expanding Counselling Service. While the majority of the counselling work in One Family is individual client work, a great deal of work is now with clients who are separating or have separated. We feel the addition to our team of an experienced couple counsellor would be of great benefit to our expanding client group.

Counsellor Job Description

Service Delivery

- To contribute to the provision of a professional and comprehensive counselling service for One Family clients
- To deliver General Counselling and Solution-Focussed Counselling within the agreed ethos of the One Family Counselling Service
- To deliver Unplanned/Crisis Pregnancy Counselling and Post-Termination Counselling in due course following specialist training
- To maintain all quality/professional standards and codes of practice
- To maintain the high professional and ethical standard in provision of care to clients established by the One Family Counselling Service.

Other

- To attend relevant internal and external supervisions and trainings
- To complete all relevant admin associated with the role
- Follow all One Family's policies and procedures



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- To contribute to evaluations, policy, reports, funding applications etc as requested
- To be line managed by the Counselling Manager and take direction where appropriate on issues relating to clients
- To undertake any other work as requested by the Counselling Manager.

Person Specification

- Have a relevant a relevant counselling/psychotherapy qualification
- Be an accredited member of IACP, IAHIP or another professional body
- Have a minimum of **5 years** proven counselling experience post accreditation
- Have experience working in counselling with **couples** and individual one to one counselling work where there are high conflict issues
- Have experience working in counselling with the issue of domestic abuse
- Have experience of counselling and enjoy working with teenagers and young people
- Have experience working in an interdisciplinary team
- Have a client-focussed perspective
- Be enthusiastic and motivated
- Be well organised with good attention to detail
- Have a knowledge and experience of the issues facing parents who are parenting alone, experiencing separation or have separated
- Be enthusiastic and motivated
- Although not essential it would be advantageous to have a qualification specifically in working with couples.

Terms of Role

This is a part time role for 3 days/21 hours per week on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. The position at the moment is based in One Family, Coke Lane, Smithfield Dublin 7. There is a potential for additional hours in the future in a community setting.

The full time salary scale is €36,809 – €42,799 for a 35 hour week, the salary offered will be *pro rata* for 21 hours based on skill and experience. Annual leave and other benefits will be provided. The post is subject to a six month probationary period.

Application Process

A cover letter and CV addressing the required competencies should be emailed to info@onefamily.ie for the attention of the Counselling Manager.

Your application should be marked clearly **One Family - Counsellor Role**.

Closing date for applications is **9am on Wednesday 13 December**. First round interviews will be held on Tuesday 9 January and second round interviews will be held on Thursday 11 January.

One Family is an equal opportunities employer