

Ireland's national organisation for one-parent families is recruiting an additional part-time **Play Therapist**. 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.

Play Therapist Role

This additional Play Therapist role will join the Counselling Service Team in One Family. This service is currently being expanded to provide a wider range of Creative and Talking Therapies to support children and young people with family changes and possible conflict.

Play Therapist Job Description

- To contribute to the provision of a professional and comprehensive Play Therapy Service within the Counselling Service
- To deliver play therapy sessions on an individual basis to children aged 4 to 10 years of age
- To contribute to the development of a Play Therapy /Creative Therapy service for teenagers and young people
- Maintain all quality/professional standards and codes of practice
- To maintain the high professional and ethical standard in the 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
- 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 – you must:

- Have a relevant professional qualification in play therapy
- Be an accredited member of Play Therapy Ireland or another professional body.
- Have a minimum of 5 years experience as a play therapist
- Have experience of working as a play therapist with teenagers and young people
- Have a child /young person focussed and perspective
- Be enthusiastic and motivated
- Have experience working in an interdisciplinary team
- Have an up to date knowledge of current legislation on Child protection
- Have a knowledge of the impact of domestic abuse on children and young people
- Have a knowledge and experience of the issues facing parents who are one parent families, separating, or separated.

Terms of Role

This is a part-time role for **four afternoons a week** (14.5 hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in One Family offices in Coke Lane, Dublin 7. The full time salary scale is €36,809 – €39,310 for a 35 hour week; the salary offered will be *pro rata* for 14.5 hours based on skill and experience. Annual leave and other benefits will be provided. The post is subject to a six month probationary period.

Applicant 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 – Play Therapist**.

Closing date for applications is Friday 15 December 2017 at 5pm.

Interviews will be held in early January and scheduled in December.

One Family is an equal opportunities employer