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WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT PROFILE

Department: Flying Start Childcare
Location: Merthyr Tydfil – 2 Childcare settings
Information about the Department <p>Flying Start is the Welsh Government's flagship early years programme for families with children under 4 years of age.</p> <p>The programme provides support for children aged 0-4 years old and their families so that they can learn, develop and thrive. The focus of the programme is on promoting language, cognitive, social and emotional skills, physical development and the early identification of high needs.</p> <p>We do this through the delivery of health support and guidance, parenting, speech and language support and quality part-time childcare for 2-3 year olds.</p> <p>Flying Start offers funded childcare for children aged 2 – 3 years in quality indoor and outdoor environments. Qualified staff will help children settle, make new friends and experience activities which build on the knowledge and skills gained at home. Attendance at childcare will prepare children for school and parents / carers will be able to get involved in their children's learning.</p> <p>We have 2 Local Authority settings within Merthyr Tydfil where you could carry out work experience.</p>
Summary of Work Experience Programme and Potential Tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Gain knowledge about Flying Start and childcare services in Merthyr-Gain knowledge about what is high quality childcare and the importance of it to children and their families-Be on hand to help staff set up the playroom, activities and Invitations to learn-Learn about Confidentiality, Safeguarding and Child Protection and what we do as a team to ensure children are safe and well-Staff can involve you in day-to-day tasks such as carrying out Risk Assessments so you are aware of what is needed in a high quality childcare setting-Work alongside staff throughout the day to implement the routine e.g. providing stimulating experiences for the children e.g. reading stories, taking part in physical/dance activities, exploring the outdoor area with the children, supporting children at snack time, toothbrushing etc.-Gaining experience working alongside a large childcare team and spending time with children 2 -3 years old.-Learn about the New Curriculum for Wales and how staff assess children within the setting to ensure their individual needs are met and that they are making progress-Learn about Transition to school and how we prepare children to move into nursery school-Observe how we support children with an additional need and how we implement Individual Play Plays and targeted interventions-Observe how we liaise and work with other professionals e.g. Educational Psychologists, Health Visitors, Speech & Language therapists, Occupational Therapists etc-Gain an understanding of what it means to be a Childcare Practitioner and all that is involved in the role e.g. being professional, paperwork, physical aspect, trining



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opportunities

A person that does not hold a Level 3 childcare qualification and/or an Enhanced DBS will NOT be left alone with any child and will be with a member of staff at all times

Essential criteria

- A passion for working with children
- A suitable Childcare qualification or a keen interest in undertaking a childcare qualification
- A kind, calm, caring nature but also a positive, confident, enthusiastic energy
- A Enhanced DBS check

We don't take any students/volunteers in a setting that live in the same area due to issues of Confidentiality and a conflict of interest for the person and the child/family. We could use a different setting for work experience if this is the case