

SNAAP (Special Needs Advisory & Activities Project)

Play Support Workers

We are currently looking to recruit additional Play Support Workers to work with SNAAP delivering activities to disabled children and young people in Swale. Main duties will involve providing a range of stimulating activities to children aged 8-25yrs. This will include providing 1:1 support to children at our holiday playschemes in Sittingbourne, Herne Bay and Folkestone.

The term 'sessional' means you will work on an 'as and when' basis on a zero hours contract.

Responsible for: Helping to deliver activities for disabled children and young people aged 8-25
Line Managed by: Manager
Responsible to: SNAAP's Board of Directors
Salary: £8.75 an hour plus Holiday Pay
Hours: You must be available to work one Saturday a month and for regular work during Easter and summer school holidays.

Due to the regular contact with children and young people, this post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Job Description

- To help provide age appropriate activities to disabled young people aged 11-25 years during youth sessions.
- To be responsible for a disabled child (aged 8-25 years) on a 1:1 basis within a group during our play schemes and days out.
- Assist or attend to disabled children and young people to meet their daily living needs including personal hygiene, managing challenging behaviour and other support including lifting.
- To facilitate the full participation of **all** children and young people in activities, particularly with a view to enhancing their life experiences and improving individual skills e.g. speech, socialisation, wherever possible.
- Be welcoming and supportive to parents and carers
- To be actively involved in the written evaluation at the end of each session in order to provide valuable feedback to the Manager, Board of Directors and funders.
- Professionally represent and positively promote SNAAP and all its services

Person Specification

- Previous experience of working with children and young people is essential, and with disabled children and young people is desirable
- Be highly motivated with an outgoing and fun loving personality
- A desire to work with children and young people and to enjoy that work
- Be proactive, creative and possess skills that are successful in delivering positive outcomes for children and young people

- A good understanding of matters relating to safeguarding of children in terms of their health, safety, welfare and mental wellbeing
- Be willing and able to work at least one Saturday a month and regularly during Easter and summer school holidays and be able to attend training as required
- Must be reliable and punctual
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Must have a flexible attitude to work including ability to work on an 'as and when' basis which sometimes may be at short notice
- Commitment to the aims and work of SNAAP, including an understanding of and ability to adhere to SNAAP's policies and procedures

For an application form please visit our website: www.snaap.org.uk