

Aboriginal Placement Support Worker

- Full-time and part-time positions available, Fixed-term contract (12 months)
- Based in Playford (Northern Metro service) and Christies Beach (Southern Metro service)
- Work as part of a team in child protection and support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children in foster care placements

Who are we looking for?

We are seeking individuals who are passionate about supporting the lives of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and young people in Out of Home Care. The ideal candidate will have skills enabling them to engage in culturally safe ways with the young people whilst working with Foster Carers, AnglicareSA Children, Youth and Families programs, the Department for Child Protection, and other professionals on a daily basis. Your cultural knowledge and expertise and understanding of the impact of intergenerational trauma will be valuable when supporting and promoting safe, nurturing and culturally centred care environments where children and young people are supported to heal and thrive.

What can you expect to be doing?

- Coordinate obtaining cultural identity of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and young people who are placed in foster care services is maintained and strengthened
- Work as part of a support team of Placement Support Workers to deliver services to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children, young people and their foster carers in the northern or southern metro and outer regions of Adelaide
- Apply cultural knowledge and expertise to provide ongoing support and guidance to foster carers to connect and strengthen the cultural identity of children and young people
- Work collaboratively with foster carers, the Department for Child Protection, biological family, kinship networks and other members of a child or young person's care team to ensure that their safety and wellbeing is paramount
- Provide guidance and support to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and young people and their foster carers, to build their cultural capability to embed a culturally safe environment
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander societies and culture and awareness of issues which may impact on child and family well-being

What do you need to bring?

- Must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, identify and be accepted within their community as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Skills and experience (including lived experiences) from supporting or working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and children and young people
- Understanding of the importance of maintaining children's connections to culture and to record life stories
- Outstanding communication and interpersonal skills, with proven strengths in culturally safe practice and the ability to build strong relationships
- Qualifications in either Social Work, Psychology, Social Sciences, Community Development, Community Services or related field will be highly regarded

Who is AnglicareSA?

As SA's largest social services provider, AnglicareSA makes a positive difference to the lives of more than 65,000 people each year. Our 1,800 staff and 580 volunteers support individuals, families and communities, responding to their immediate need and working with them to build capacity to restore and maintain dignity and control in their lives. Our services are broad, supporting people at every stage of life.

We believe in social justice, the equal worth of each citizen, equality of opportunity and the importance of strong communities. Together we change lives.

What we offer:

- Access to our fantastic salary packaging options – increase your take home pay by decreasing the amount of tax you pay
- Banking benefits, health care discounts, gym membership offers, paid parental leave, and much more
- A supportive team that is committed to ensuring a culturally safe and responsive service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees and the children, youth, families and communities that seek our support
- Encouraged participation in First Nations staff networks that allow culturally safe spaces to connect with fellow First Nations colleagues and support from First Nations leaders within AnglicareSA.
- Opportunities to seek cultural supervision for culturally safe support and professional development

How to Apply:

When submitting an application, please attach your resume and a cover letter addressing the demonstrable requirements/competencies.

View the job description via the vacancy's application page on the AnglicareSA website for the full role requirements.

For further information on the role please contact Marsha Lynch on 8209 6616 or Michelle Blackwell on 8186 8927.

AnglicareSA is committed to the employment of First Nations peoples. To discuss current initiatives related to supporting First Nations employees, please contact Kimberley Wanganeen on 0438 152 821

Applications close Tuesday 24 November 2020.

AnglicareSA is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing a work environment free of discrimination and harassment. We encourage all suitably qualified candidates apply.

We are committed to the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Please contact our Aboriginal Services team on 8305 9237 to discuss joining AnglicareSA.

Applications close Monday 30 November 2020.

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