

Position Title	FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER – VCP
Position Detail	Nil Direct Reports Casual Reports to VCP- Support Co-ordinator
Position Purpose	The purpose of this position is to provide support and assistance to families and ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children and promote family independence. Working alongside the parents/caregivers to provide protection for the children while engaging with all the children in your care.
Key Success Measures	All assignments completed in accordance with the goals set and outcome expectation, as advised at commencement of each family assignment.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Implement, where required, routines for families. This may include, but not be limited to hygiene routines, school routines, cooking and meal planning, mother craft and new born routines
- Implement age appropriate activities
- Support and supervise within the family home as instructed by the VCP Support Consultant/ Co-ordinator to ensure all goals are met
- Engagement of children and parents/caregivers where appropriate
- Ensure any charts or communication books are completed throughout your shift
- Ensure Progress Summaries are submitted back to Zest Care immediately after the End of your shift
- Attend planned meetings where required to provide feedback on work within a family
- Attend planned training sessions at Zest Care or other site as deemed necessary
- Ensure all Zest policies and procedures are strictly adhered to at all times
- Maintaining of complete confidentiality, not sharing with the family any information you have been given
- Maintain professional boundaries with the family no sharing of your personal information at any time
- Contribute to a collaborative outcome by sharing all information gained whilst in the family home



- Communicate with Zest office staff if you are unsure of any instructions
- To assist the parent/caregiver in their provision of care, and not to become the primary caregiver
- Ensure attendance to all shifts is in a timely manner, and should you not to be able to attend, to notify Zest with no less than 2 hours' notice, but preferably as much notice as practicable
- Ensure timesheets are signed in and out by the family and submitted to Zest for processing on time each week

ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

EXPERIENCE

- Minimum 12 Months experience working with Children/ Families within Community Services, Child Care, Social Support, Disability or similar industry
- Previous experience in managing challenging behaviours

SKILLS

- High levels of empathy and engagement and the ability to express both professionally
- Familiar with babies and children, their development and their routines
- Understanding of people with disabilities, particularly Mental Health and their care requirements
- Attention to detail and excellent observation skills
- Flexible attitude with a mature approach to work

QUALIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

- Tertiary Qualification (Or working towards) in Community Services, Child Care, Social Work, Mental Health or Disability OR equivalent experience
- Current First Aid and CPR certification
- Current Working With Children Check number
- Police Check issued within 6 months
- Current Driver's License (Desirable)