

Orchard Fostering: Fostering Social Worker (Fixed Term) – North Leinster, Cavan & Leitrim (<https://www.activelink.ie/node/115615>)



Fostering Social Worker

(Fixed Term-12mths) – North Leinster, Cavan & Leitrim

Reports to: Orchard Fostering Team Leader

Location: Hybrid. Ideally based in North Leinster, Cavan or Leitrim

Purpose of post:

To provide support, supervision and training to foster carers and supported lodging carers, while also ensuring the delivery of a safe and effective service to foster carers and children placed within the service.

Main duties:

1. To maintain high standards of professional practice.
2. To provide quality support and supervision to foster carers and supported lodgings carers to ensure the delivery of a safe and effective service to foster carers and children placed within the service.
3. To ensure that the service is compliant with regulations and national standards as well as company policy and procedures.
4. To build and maintain excellent working relationships with relevant employees in TUSLA for whom we provide a service and identify any problem areas and opportunities for development.
5. To ensure that all procedural requirements with respect to reviewing, consultation and recording are adhered to.
6. To undertake appropriate training and to maintain a knowledge of changes to company policy and process, legislation, and regulations and of developments in professional practice.
7. To furnish excellent quality reports for presentation to Foster Care Committees as part of the foster carer review and long-term match process.
8. To work in close co-operation with the referrals manager and coordinator to ensure all referrals are dealt with through the referral process, in line with potential carers approval and within the regulations and standards for foster care.
9. All employees are required to ensure compliance with the company's guidance and policy on safeguarding and are required to attend and/or or complete child protection training (Children's First).
10. To ensure the National Standards for Fostering and the Fostering Regulations are adhered to at all times.
11. All post holders are expected to maintain professional standards of practice and to work in accordance with the company vision, values, procedures, and managerial guidance.
12. To keep up to date with legislative changes and good practice to ensure our service remains at the cutting edge of fostering services.
13. To ensure that all risks identified are recorded and reported to all relevant people and recorded in the appropriate manner.
14. To actively participate in supporting the principles and practice of equal opportunities issues in accordance with the company policies and to work positively towards anti-discriminatory and anti-racist practice.
15. To work within the provisions of the Data Protection Act, observing strict confidentiality in relation to all aspects of work undertaken.
16. To maintain CORU registration
17. To undertake any other such duties and responsibilities as may reasonably be required, commensurate with your level of responsibility within the company.
18. Participation in the on-call rota.
19. To carry a caseload as is required and identified.

20. Travel to meetings etc is required therefore the post holder must hold a full driving licence.

Key Criteria

- Must have a professional qualification in social work i.e., CQSW, Masters in Social Work or equivalent qualification validated in the Republic of Ireland.
- Must be registered with CORU.
- Must have valid Garda Clearance.
- Must have valid Overseas Clearance if applicant lived abroad for more than 6 months.
- Must have at least 2 years' experience, previous experience in the foster care field is desirable but not mandatory.
- Must have a clean driver's license and use of a car.

All Applications should be forwarded to Christine.kavanagh@orchardfostering.ie (<mailto:Christine.kavanagh@orchardfostering.ie>).

Closing date for this role is 30th May 2025.

For all informal queries please contact Orchard Fostering on [01 6275713](tel:016275713) (tel:016275713)

Region

Hybrid / North Leinster, Cavan or Leitrim

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