



Provision of Play Therapy Supports to children and families who have experienced Domestic Violence.

Description of Services Required

Meath Women's Refuge and Support Services invites applications from interested parties in the Co. Meath area for the provision of Play Therapy Services to children and families living with Domestic Violence.

MWRSS aims to offer play therapy as a therapeutic intervention to children and families who have experienced domestic violence and are engaged with our service. Children and families' experiences of domestic violence have a psychological, emotional, and physiological effect on a child and on the relationships within the family unit. MWRSS aims to promote the healing and growth of children and families to help them reach their potential in life and move towards resolution and empowerment. MWRSS wish to offer play therapy for children with the option of progression (if need identified) to mother and child or family and child group sessions to support the family in a holistic manner. The combination of Play Therapy, mother and child or family and child group support and the work provided in MWRSS allows the child and the family/mother to receive the therapeutic support they require to progress in their lives as a family unit. MWRSS requires an accredited play therapist to facilitate play therapy for children and families of our service in adherence with MWRSS Policy and Procedures inclusive of our reporting procedure concerning child protection and child welfare concerns. Each family will be offered an initial 12 play therapy sessions and up to 4 mother and child or family and child group sessions (if required).

Essential Requirements:

- An accredited qualification in Play Therapy
- Up to date Children's First and Mandated Persons Training
- Where possible that you can work from The playroom in MWRSS or have your own practice within the Navan area.
- Ability to demonstrate capacity and experience of play therapy in your professional experience (through your CV and references)
- Garda Vetting will be required also

Desirable requirements

- Knowledge and understanding of domestic violence and its impact on children and families
- Experience of small group work/work with family systems approaches

Terms and Conditions:

Successful contractors will be initially contracted on a 12-month basis for services with MWRSS and will be subject to review on an on-going basis. The successful contractor will be expected to participate in monitoring and reviewing the play therapy programme in accordance with the required service outlined above and provision for this will be included in the Contract. MWRSS will not pay cancellation fees where a Play Therapy session is cancelled with 24 hours prior notice. A cancellation fee in respect of 50% of the charge is applicable to the cancelled appointment if the cancellation is less than 12 hours' notice. Please note that MWRSS does not guarantee any level of business under these arrangements.

The Play therapy will be provided from the practice of the successful parties or the playroom space in MWRSS and referrals will be made directly by the Child and Youth Support Worker in MWRSS.

MWRSS Session Rate is €60 per session inclusive of VAT.

How to apply:

Interested applicants should send their CV and Cover Letter by email to **katie.carry@dvservicesmeath.ie**

All queries relating to the advert can be directed to the email address above.

Applicants will be reviewed on a rolling basis up until the 9th of June 2025.