

Play Therapist:

Job Description

Job Title	Play Therapist
Location	Bagenalstown Family Resource Centre, Moneybeg, Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown Co. Carlow, R21 Y753
Reporting to	Therapeutic Hub Coordinator and Director of Services.
Job Context	Bagenalstown FRC seeks to support families and individuals in communities to identify their family and local needs: to collectively develop holistic responses and enhance participation in wider community life. Bagenalstown FRC was established in 2000 to help combat disadvantage by supporting the functioning of the family unit by providing services and supports to families, parents, men, women, youth, older people and others in need of support. Bagenalstown FRC is a busy, well-established therapeutic hub for people across the community, providing child, adolescent and adult counselling and therapies.
Role Summary	We are seeking an experienced Play Therapist to deliver a community-based play therapy service to children referred to Bagenalstown Family Resource Centre. The Play Therapist will use a variety of play and creative arts techniques to alleviate mild and moderate psychological and emotional difficulties in children. The Play Therapist will provide therapeutic support primarily to children aged 4-12 years old.
Terms and Conditions	<p>Contract Type: Contract for Service (Sessional Therapist)</p> <p>Hours: 15 hours per week Monday-Friday (Flexibility and evening work may be required)</p> <p>Garda Vetting and satisfactory references will be required.</p>

Duties & Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing community based individual sessions to children referred to the service. • Carry out initial assessment to ensure suitability to service. • Work collaboratively with the child / young person and family to carefully consider the aims of therapy interventions and to continually review work • Assess the needs of the children and develop tailored therapeutic plans. • Utilise a variety of play therapy techniques to address emotional, psychological, and behavioural issues. • Work in partnership with the Clinical Lead and the therapeutic services team to ensure efficient and timely delivery of the play therapy service. • Maintain accurate and confidential records of all therapy sessions and client interactions. • Develop and implement treatment plans based on initial assessments and ongoing evaluations. • Monitor and evaluate the progress of each child, adjusting therapeutic approaches as needed. • To work in line with the Policies and Procedures of Bagenalstown FRC. • To fulfil obligations as per the Children First Act 2015 and comply with Bagenalstown FRC Child Protection policy. • To comply with responsibilities under the Data Protection Acts 1988, 2003 & 2018 (GDPR).
Education, Skills & Experience All essential unless stated otherwise	<p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recognised qualification in Play Therapy NQF Level 9 or qualified therapist with specialism in play therapy. For qualified therapists specialising in play therapy, the specific training course (postgraduate level core training) must extend over a minimum of 2 years, preceded by a relevant mental health

	<p>training, e.g., psychotherapy, clinical or counselling psychology, psychiatry, or counselling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with an appropriate professional body (e.g., IAPTP, PTIRL). • Minimum of 1 years of experience working as a Play Therapist, preferably with children at various levels of need. <p>Key Competencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proven ability to respond to clinical/ethical dilemmas. • Experience working closely with families, caregivers, and other professionals to support the child's therapeutic goals. • Ability to reflect on practice to facilitate personal learning, professional development, and service improvement. • Proven skill in working collaboratively as part of a team and maintaining strong working relationships with external agencies and organizations. • Empathy and understanding towards children's needs and challenges. • Flexibility and adaptability in working with diverse groups and varying needs. • Excellent organisational and time management skills.
Application Process	<p>Interested candidates are invited to submit a CV and cover letter outlining their suitability for the role to tanya.bagenalstownfrc@gmail.com</p> <p>Please reference Play Therapist Application in the email subject line. Closing date: Wednesday 18th June 2025.</p>