

Job Description

Job Title	Home Visitor
Background & Purpose of Post	<p>Westmeath Community Development (WCD) is seeking 2 Home Visitors [part-time] to support the delivery our Community Families programme in the following areas:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Area 1: Athlone Town, west Offaly & south Westmeath Area 2: Athlone Town, Ballymahon & Lanesborough</p> <p>The programme is a community-based home visiting service aimed to equip new parents with the support, knowledge and skills to support the best outcomes for them, their baby/toddler and their whole family.</p>
Primary Duties & Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide Home Visiting services to families ○ Provide information and support [breastfeeding information, healthy eating, child development, encouraging play etc.] ○ Signposting and/or referral to relevant supports and services ○ Engage in community wrap-around groups, including Baby Café and Parent & Toddler groups ○ Maintain records of home visits and other administration activities supporting the work of the programme ○ Being vigilant in monitoring and responding to incidents in line with Children First and National Child Protection Guidelines ○ Participate in regular team meetings and regular supervision including reflective practice ○ Attend all training relevant to professional development ○ Any other duties that the Community Families Co-ordinator may deem necessary
Qualifications & Experience Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ideally hold a minimum QQI level 5 in childcare/social care or other relevant qualification ○ A minimum of 3 years' experience working in the home visiting sector and/or a similar role ○ Demonstrate knowledge of child development, best parenting practices, healthy family structures, healthy eating, child protection and reporting ○ Strong organisational skills, ability to organise and schedule visits with good IT skills ○ Excellent communication skills (written & verbal) ○ Compassionate about family support and seeing the parent as the expert of their children ○ Ability to form caring, non-judgemental relationships with families ○ Ability to model positive parenting strategies ○ Ability to maintain confidentiality ○ Be highly motivated, a self-starter, with the ability to work independently ○ A full clean driving licence and access to a car for work purposes