

# Standard Occ Code 6135 Support Worker

Job Title: Support Worker

**Working hours:** Between 20 and 40 hours per week arranged to meet the needs of the service, including evenings and weekends.

Location: Rainbow House, Chessington, KT9 2AA or Aquila House, Epsom, KT17 4BT

**Reports to:** Registered Manager

**Line Manager:** Registered Manager

#### **Key Role**

- ✓ EnhanceAble Support Workers provide high quality assistance to children with disabilities.
- ✓ They ensure that all their work is responsive to each child's needs and that they are
- professional and act in accordance with EnhanceAble's philosophy at all times.

## **Support Worker Responsibilities**

- To develop strong professional relationships with children and their families to enable you to meet their individual needs, particularly including the following: gender, age, cultural needs, and personal interests.
- To monitor client's needs and to judge how effectively they are being met on an ongoing basis.
- To liaise with other professionals and agencies as appropriate for the well being of the children, including participation in care planning and reviews, providing written reports as required.
- To maintain contact with families or carers of children.
- To maintain accurate and comprehensive records relating to children (including care plans), upholding the principles of good record keeping.
- To provide all personal care in line with risk assessments and with dignity and respect.



## **Client Centred Responsibilities**

- To develop strong professional relationships with clients to enable you to meet their individual needs, particularly including the following: gender, age, cultural needs, and personal interests.
- To monitor client's needs and to judge how effectively they are being met on an ongoing basis.
- To liaise with other professionals and agencies as appropriate for the well being of the clients, including participation in case conferences, care planning and reviews, providing written reports as required.
- To provide ongoing support to EnhanceAble clients.
- To maintain contact with families or carers of clients where appropriate and in line with the organisation's philosophy of confidentiality, respect and client consultation.
- To maintain accurate and comprehensive records relating to clients (including care plans), upholding the principles of good record keeping.
- To provide all personal care in line with risk assessments and with dignity and respect.

## **Education and Skills Development**

- To encourage and support children in their individual aims, with particular regard to educational, leisure and skills development opportunities.
- To support children in finding new opportunities and accessing them.
- To undertake skills development work with individuals as they and their Support Plan requires.

## **Team Responsibilities**

- To work as part of a team providing input and support to promote an effective and efficient service, responsive to clients.
- To liaise with the rest of the team with regards to people's changing needs and wishes
- To attend and contribute to staff meetings.
- To attend regular supervisions.
- To carry out all duties in accordance with the organisation's policies and practices, particularly regarding Health and Safety at Work, Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities.
- To recognise the limitations of your own skills and knowledge and to involve others with more expertise as appropriate.



## **Training**

- To work with your manager to identify your training needs, and participate in training courses to meet the individual, team, organisation and national objectives.
- To participate in training and induction of staff.

#### General

- To attend work promptly, reliably and fit to perform all necessary tasks
- To provide personal care to children as required. This will include supporting in the toilet, bathroom and bedroom.
- To follow risk assessments in the above work.
- To assist children at meal times as required; this will include giving one to one support whilst eating, support in choosing and support in cooking foods
- To carry out administrative duties as determined by the post, including maintaining accurate and comprehensive records.
- To advise managers of any outstanding equipment or maintenance requirements.
- To be willing to undertake any additional reasonable responsibilities in order to ensure the smooth running of the organisation.
- To carry out general cleaning duties such as washing up, laundry and maintaining the cleanliness of the property.
- To be familiar with and comply with the standards and conditions of practice set by CQC/Ofsted.
- To work the shifts specified in your offer letter and contract

## **Person Specification - Support Worker**

- 1. Able to attend work promptly, reliably and fit to perform all necessary tasks and elements of the post.
- 2. Achievement of, or willingness to work towards, RQF level 3 with children or an equivalent or higher qualification.
- 3. Basic IT skills including G-suite.
- 4. Excellent time management and organisational skills.
- 5. An understanding of the issues that children with disabilities and their families may face.



- 6. Commitment to promoting independence and choice.
- 7. A belief in EnhanceAble's philosophy.
- 8. Ability to support clients in participating in a range of social and educational activities.
- 9. A willingness to help support people with personal care.
- 10. Effective speaking and listening skills.
- 11. Effective written communication skills.
- 12. Ability to work as part of a team.
- 13. Commitment to EnhanceAble's Equal Opportunities Policy and all other EnhanceAble policies.
- 14. If applying for a role that involves driving the ability and willingness to drive your own vehicle for work and accessible company mini busses.
- 15. Be available to work at least one sleep in per week.