

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – POST SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Please see below summary of the following post:

Post and Grade:	Project Worker 1 – P18B
No. of posts:	2
Service/Location:	Family Connections – South and East Belfast and Newtownabbey
Contract:	A range of contracts are available working up to 20 hours per week. A waiting list will be established in the event that similar vacancies arise up until April 2023.
Salary range:	£18,278 pro rata

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Initial Location of Post

Family Connections – South and East Belfast
Focal Point East Kings Road Belfast BT5 7EH

Family Connections – Newtownabbey
Dunanney Centre Rathmullan Drive BT37 9DQ

Objectives of Service

Family Connections works with children and families towards the following outcomes:-

- Children and parents will improve their sense of well-being
- Children will be better prepared for school and will achieve in school
- Parents will be more confident in their role as parents and as educators
- Parents and children will increase their participation in school and community life

We work with families through children's play sessions, family support, parenting programmes, family learning and parent and child sessions.

Initial Specific Responsibilities

This post will be responsible to:-

- plan and deliver programmes of play and learning activities to improve outcomes for children
- build parental capacity, supporting parents respectfully to engage them in their child's learning and development through home visits and parent and child sessions.
- deliver parent sessions and parenting programmes to parents, for parents of preschool and primary age children
- work as part of a team to support positive parenting build linkages with schools, community organisations and family support services

The post holder will be required to adapt to the needs of parents using a range of approaches - online, telephone and outdoor meet ups as well as face to face support.

Service specific qualifying factors

**Essential criteria - to be measured in application form.
Please outline clearly how you meet these criteria**

Qualification in Childcare (a qualification is required for Registration) CCLD, NVQ Level 3, BTEC Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas at level 3, BTEC Nationals, OCR Nationals or relevant professional health and social care qualification above this level

Experience of working with preschool and primary aged children.

Demonstrable experience of working with parents to improve parenting skills, for example family support, delivering a parent programme or parent information sessions.

Essential – to be assessed at interview

Knowledge of the challenges for parents living in socio-economically disadvantaged areas.

Knowledge of best practice in engaging parents in supporting their child's learning.

Demonstrable interpersonal communication skills and ability to develop positive relationships

Demonstrable ability to use initiative, plan and prioritise work and meet deadlines is an integral part of the post

Ability to liaise with school and family support professionals

Ability to supervise volunteers if required

Desirable

Experience of working with children with additional needs

Experience of working with ethnic minority families

Knowledge of best practice/evidence-informed approaches to early childhood development and importance of parent-child relationship eg Solihull, Incredible Years, High/Scope Curriculum