

Job Description

Title	CYP Support Worker
Salary	Between £22,100 – £22,500 full time equivalent, in line with changes to NMW (April 2024)
Location	Ceredigion & North Pembrokeshire
Contract Type	Fixed Term to March 2025
Hours	2x 37 hours per week 1x 24 hours per week
Working Pattern	Generally, between 9am to 5pm with some weekend and evening work All staff must work flexibly to meet the needs of children and their parents/guardians Inclusion of on call systems may be required dependant on area.
Accountable to	Line Manager within WWDAS, supported by Ar Trac Manager
Overview of Organisations involved	<p>The mission</p> <p>Is for parents/guardians and their children to flourish in a life free of domestic abuse and sexual violence.</p> <p>Activities</p> <p>At WWDAS we are integrating the work of our Ar Trac and Cada teams to ensure an integrated approach to supporting children and young people in Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire. Working with our partner organisations you will be part of a team delivering a range of services within Wales that encompass prevention, awareness raising, safety, support and personal development opportunities for women, men and their children who have experienced domestic abuse and/or sexual violence. Please see each organisation website for particular services.</p>
Overview of the Ar Trac Project	<p>Ar Trac is an exciting project for children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse.</p> <p>The project delivers a tailored and individual pathway for children and young people that builds on their strengths.</p> <p>This is a partnership project where within each region 3 project workers will support and deliver the project in collaboration with other areas and with the support of a project manager, delivery team and young people.</p> <p>The support offered includes 1-2-1 mentoring (aged 5 to 11), 1-2-1 peer mentoring (aged 10 to 13), 1-2-1 support addressing adolescent to parent</p>

	<p>violence (aged 11 to 16), group work that supports the child-parent bond (aged 7 to 11), group work that addresses adolescent to parent violence and abuse (age 11 to 16), gender specific group work that builds self-esteem, communication skills, and supports emotional regulation (age 11 to 16).</p> <p>The project works with academic partners to evaluate the project and with children and young people to develop and facilitate training resources to professionals.</p> <p>The project is delivered across Wales in partnership with the organisations below</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="480 607 1431 1312"> <thead> <tr> <th>Region</th> <th>County</th> <th>Delivery Partner</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Gwent</td> <td>Newport Blaenau Gwent</td> <td>Cyfannol Women's Aid</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cardiff and the Vale</td> <td>Cardiff</td> <td>Cardiff Women's Aid</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cwm Taff Morgannwg</td> <td>RCT</td> <td>Cardiff Women's Aid</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Glamorgan</td> <td>Neath Port Talbot</td> <td>Calan DVS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Powys</td> <td>South Powys</td> <td>Calan DVS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Wales</td> <td>Ceredigion North Pembrokeshire</td> <td>West Wales Domestic Abuse Service</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Wales</td> <td>Gwynedd Anglesey</td> <td>Gorwel</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Region	County	Delivery Partner	Gwent	Newport Blaenau Gwent	Cyfannol Women's Aid	Cardiff and the Vale	Cardiff	Cardiff Women's Aid	Cwm Taff Morgannwg	RCT	Cardiff Women's Aid	West Glamorgan	Neath Port Talbot	Calan DVS	Powys	South Powys	Calan DVS	West Wales	Ceredigion North Pembrokeshire	West Wales Domestic Abuse Service	North Wales	Gwynedd Anglesey	Gorwel
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<p>Purpose of the post</p>	<p>To provide specialist support to children and young people who are affected by Domestic Abuse and sexual violence and/or at risk of abusive relationships. Working within the Organisational and Supporting People Frameworks you will work towards enabling children and young people so that they are able to make positive changes to their lives in order to increase safety, well-being and to reduce the threats of homelessness.</p>																								
<p>Responsibilities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To liaise with external agencies to identify children who may benefit from the project 2. To engage with children, young people and their families, carry out initial assessments of risks, needs, strength, and collate relevant information from the child, parents, and other agencies where relevant. 3. To develop a detailed support package for the child/young person, identifying goals, aspirations and needs. 4. Facilitate group programmes, 1-2-1 mentoring and or support with children and young people between the ages of 5-16 who have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse as required. 																								

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Work with families, children and young people in an empowering, solution focused and engaging manner. 6. Support families in identifying and addressing issues relating to their children and support positive parenting, healthy relationships and welfare of children and young people. 7. Develop local focus groups where children and young people can contribute to the development of the project. 8. Work alongside young people in developing resources, group sessions and toolkits. 9. Co-facilitate training for professionals with young people 10. Recruitment and management of volunteers and peer mentors, undertaking the relevant checks and training to enable them to carry out their role. 11. Prioritising and managing caseloads in line with packages of support and support plans 12. Ensure accurate and timely records are maintained in relation to all aspects of the service and case work, including inputting information into our Information Management System. 13. Support, signpost and refer women and children to the services they may wish to engage with for example social services, the police, parenting, health, legal, DWP, housing, homelessness, recreational, educational and cultural services and other internal services. 14. To be fully aware of the child and adult safeguarding policy and procedures and report to line manager any concerns in this area. 15. To advocate on behalf of children and young people and ensure that children feel safe, supported and listened to within our service and in dealings with other agencies. 16. To participate in meetings, encourage women and children to participate in and give feedback on service provision. 17. Assist in qualitative and quantitative data collation. 18. Promote the service in the local area.
Line Management:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Provide line management to the volunteers working with children and young people including induction, supervision and annual appraisal. 20. Recruit, support and mentor peer mentors 21. Assist in identifying volunteer training and development needs.

General	<p>22. To demonstrate and promote the organisation's ethos, vision and values.</p> <p>23. To represent the organisation at external meetings, public events, conferences and similar ensuring that the Organisation's reputation is protected and enhanced.</p> <p>24. To actively work in partnership with other agencies and organisations to achieve better outcomes for women and children affected by Domestic Abuse.</p> <p>25. Participate in team meetings, supervision and appropriate training.</p> <p>26. To work within the Organisations Policies and Procedures and Code of Conduct.</p> <p>27. To Support families and children to participate and be involved in decision making and developmental processes and service delivery.</p> <p>28. Any other reasonable duties as required.</p> <p>29. It may be necessary, following consultation, to amend the job description in light of experience and changing circumstances.</p>
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Person Specification

Working with Children

- Minimum NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in a relevant field, i.e. youth and community work child or social care, health or education OR equivalent experience in a related discipline. (Essential)
- Significant experience of working with vulnerable children and/or young people who have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse. (Essential)
- Ability to work with women and children in crisis and in crisis situations (Essential)
- Understanding of child/young people protection issues (Essential)
- Ability to provide meaningful, practical and emotional support specifically to children and young people (Essential)
- Knowledge of legislation relating to Children Act 1989. (Essential)
- Qualification or training in child development. (Desirable)

Domestic Abuse & Supporting Others

- Experience of engaging families in needs assessment, risk assessment and safety planning. (Essential)
- Sound knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse and its impact on children and young people. (Essential)
- Knowledge and ability to work within the principles of facilitated self help (Essential)
- Ability to engage families in solution-focussed problem solving. (Essential)
- Understanding of client confidentiality and how to maintain it (Essential)
- Qualification or training in domestic abuse. (Desirable)

Group Work

- Experience of working with and developing support activities including group work with children and young people. (Essential)
- Experience of delivering educational interventions to groups of children and/or young people. (Essential)

Skills

- Good written and verbal communication skills (Essential)
- Strong organisational skills and ability to prioritise own workload. (Essential)
- Administrative and file management skills and ability. (Essential)

Other

- Proven experience of liaising with statutory and voluntary agencies. (Essential)
- Experience of working in partnership with and developing relationships with other agencies. (Essential)
- Experience of using IT / computer-based systems on a daily basis. (Essential)
- Ability to work effectively on own initiative and as part of a team (Essential)
- Comprehensive understanding of equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory practice. (Essential)
- A current valid driving licence, access to a car and insurance covering business use. (Essential)
- Welsh written and verbal communication skills (Desirable)