
Occupational Therapist

Early childhood intervention role providing a full range of Occupational Therapy activities. Full or part time. Northern Sydney and Northern Beaches.

JOB SUMMARY:

- Early childhood intervention and school aged
- Offering a full range of occupational therapy services
- Full or part time role
- Northern Sydney and Northern Beaches
- 2+yrs experience preferred
- Practice lead opportunity for relevant experience in the sector and interest in leadership.

ABOUT EARLYED

EarlyEd is a dynamic and innovative organisation committed to delivering services that reflect to best practice developments in the disability, allied health and early childhood intervention sectors.

Services are delivered based on the child's and families' needs at home, early childhood centres, schools, our EarlyEd centres and at community programs.

EarlyEd has been operational under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) but also attracts other funding from other government departments and grants.

Established for over 40 years EarlyEd and has two main offices with centres across the Western and Northern Sydney areas. Staff are based in Western and Northern Sydney from centres at Merrylands and Kingswood, North Sydney and Forestville. This reduces travel time for staff and builds local community connections.

About the position

EarlyEd is looking for several full or part time occupational therapists.

In this role, the OT will utilise their knowledge of paediatric occupational therapy intervention, child development, family centred practice and mainstream activities to:

- Provide individualised transdisciplinary early intervention to manage issues that may impact learning, behaviour, motor, sensory processing and the achieving of developmental milestones i.e. enhancing a child's independence, self-care, play and social skills.
- Support the inclusion of children into community settings including early childhood settings, community activities and school

- Select implement and monitor assistive technology and mobility equipment prescription.

EarlyEd recognises that some applicants may have limited paediatric or disability experience. Being part of the EarlyEd early childhood intervention service team creates dynamic learning opportunities as you interact closely with a full range of allied health special education professionals.

Practice Lead roles involve the monitoring of evidence-based practices in early childhood intervention while capacity building and mentoring OT colleagues and other team members.

EarlyEd's Transdisciplinary Services

EarlyEd's transdisciplinary approach includes the key worker role as part of team around each child and family. EarlyEd teams include special educators, speech pathologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, family support workers and program assistants. A child is supported through a combination of

- individual sessions – centre or home visits
- early childhood school setting visits
- community services support (e.g. playgroups and sporting clubs)
- small group sessions (centre based, regularly offered each term such as Early Learners Groups, Transition to School Sessions, Baby group, SportEd)
- coaching and training workshops for parents and community services

SELECTION CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL

1. Approved qualification in Occupational Therapy
2. Current registration with AHPRA
3. Eligibility for membership of OT Australia
4. Commitment to family centred practice
5. Highly developed interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
6. Ability to work effectively as part of team.
7. Current driver's licence and use of own car.
8. Ability to work independently and commitment to accountability
9. Proficiency with information technology and computer literacy in order to enhance service mobility and efficiency.
10. Working with Children and Police checks

DESIRABLE

Experience in:

1. Supporting infants, young children with delays/disabilities and their families
2. Adapting home, play and learning environments as well prescribing and implementing adaptive equipment
3. Including children in mainstream early childhood services and school settings as well as community, sport and recreation opportunities
4. Positive behaviour supports and the development of behaviour management plans across home and community settings.
5. Working with CALD, ATSI and vulnerable families
6. Leadership and management
7. Community capacity building and training

TO APPLY:

Address the selection criteria and include:

- a cover letter outlining briefly why the role is of interest
- a C.V.
- the names and contact details of 2 professional referees
- Documentation related to:
 - Working with Children Check
 - Police Check
 - Professional association membership details

Email: jobs@earlyed.com.au to apply. For further information or for an informal discussion about the role, contact us on 02 9923 2727.

EarlyEd welcomes applications from culturally and linguistically diverse candidates, suitably qualified people who may have a disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

NO FORMAL CLOSING DATE:

There is no formal closing date. Applications will be interviewed on receipt if suitable and are appointed on merit. Avoid delays in sending in your application as new employment opportunities occur on an ongoing basis.

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