Supervising Social Worker

Up to £35,490 gross per annum (pro-rata for part time) plus pension, mileage and holiday pay.

FOSTER CARE CONNECT IS AN INDEPENDENT FOSTERING AGENCY – ESTABLISHED IN 2004. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE SAFE AND LOVING HOME-BASED CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCOTLAND WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO LIVE WITH THEIR OWN FAMILY. WE STRIVE TO ENABLE THEM TO ACHIEVE AND HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO DEVELOP AND GROW HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AT HOME, IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND INTO ADULT LIFE.

Working nationally, Foster Care Connect is a not-for-profit agency that is based in Galashiels in the Scottish Borders, Foster Care Connect currently employs 7 dedicated individuals who share best practice values. The agency provides support to carers in Edinburgh, Lothians, Fife and Glasgow as well as in the Scottish Borders.

We currently have a permanent vacancy for a Supervising Social Worker.
Full-time or Part-time, Field and Office Based.

Are you a qualified Social Worker with experience of working with children and families or in family placement?

Do you have a wealth of knowledge and experience that you can use to work autonomously and as part of a team?

This post offers the opportunity to join a small developing organisation with a committed and enthusiastic team to enhance knowledge and skills in the specialist area of family placement within a very supportive setting.

Reporting to the Team Manager, you will be responsible for ensuring the quality of placements provided by foster carers. This will be done through assessing, monitoring and supporting carers in their task of caring and improving outcomes for looked after children and young people.

You will work alongside other professionals with a “Team around the child approach” to support Foster Carers in their relationship with the children and young people they look after.

Experience in either a Practice Team, Children’s residential or family placement setting is desirable for this role.

The experience and qualities Foster Care Connect are looking for are:

- Degree in Social Work or relevant qualification in the field, such as DipSW, CSS, CQS (Essential)
- Registered with the Social Services Council, or other British equivalent (Essential)
- Proactive team player with excellent communication skills and the ability to work flexibly and independently
- Good working knowledge of child protection procedures and legislation as applied to looked after children in Scotland
- A good working knowledge and understanding of the issues facing parents and foster carers
- An understanding of the National Fostering Standards
- A full driving license and use of car for business (travel across Scotland will be required) is desirable

This is an extremely rewarding role, which can make a real and significant difference to vulnerable children and young people in our society.

The successful candidate will become part of a developing agency which aims to be sector leading, embraces relationship-based practice and focuses on addressing the implications of adverse childhood experiences.

We offer an attractive remuneration package and the opportunity for a flexible geographical area based on carer locations.

To register your interest in this vacancy, please email your CV and covering letter to enquiries@fcconnect.co.uk or post to Foster Care Connect, 42 High Street, Galashiels, TD1 1SE. Closing date: 31st July 2019.

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