**Caseworker - Supported Independent Living program**

CatholicCare Social Services is seeking a self-motivated individual to join our SIL team in existing role, Caseworker - SIL. Full-time 38 hours per week maximum term contract for 18 months. This role will be based at our Maitland or Singleton Offices.

The position is responsible for providing practical and emotional support for young people to help them live independently and to assist them to identify and move closer towards their aspirations.

The successful candidate will work directly with the Young Adult Services Manager in developing strong working relationships within community and expanding the network of support surround a young person via a number of different strategies including family finding and family conferencing.

* Ensure that all case plans and documentation are completed within appropriate timeframes.
* Ensure Young Persons participation within the program.
* Encourage and facilitate positive relationships with the community to support young person independence.
* Organise effective Therapeutic assessments & interventions needed to support the young person.
* Support young person to maintain a safe and appropriate relationship with family.
* Support Young People to maintain their own property and understand tenancy rules and regulations.
* Support Young People to be financially independent.
* Maintain accurate and comprehensive case files that meet accreditation, legislative and organisational requirements
* Participate and contribute to the team and organisational structure

Responsibilities of the position will include, but are not limited to:

**Essential Criteria:**

* Proven capacity to work within relevant legislation, standards and workplace policies relating to SIL program.
* At least 3 years casework experience in foster care, child protection or the community sector
* Demonstrated ability to implement strategies that promote emotional and developmental wellbeing in young people who have experienced complex trauma.
* Direct experience in collaboration and commitment to a team work approach.
* Experience working with young people, with a high commitment to young person inclusive practice and best practice case work principles.
* Ability to build and facilitate strong working relationships for young people with the community to support independence.
* Experience in writing comprehensive case notes and case plans which are young people inclusive and focused.

**Desirable Criteria:**

* Experience working with people from a CALD and ATSI background.
* Ability to establish and maintain links with external service providers.
* Training in youth suicide and mental health first aide.

CatholicCare offers competitive salaries and benefits, tax free salary packaging, discounted gym memberships, and rewarding career paths.

For more information about the role and the position description, please visit [www.catholiccare.org.au/join-us/](http://www.catholiccare.org.au/join-us/).

Successful applicants will be required to undertake a national police check, complete a health assessment declaration, current Working with Children Check and have the ability to work within Australia.

**\*Please note that not adequately addressing the selection criteria will result in your application not being shortlisted.\***

**Applications close 5.00pm Friday 9th October 2018**