

The Early Years Support Centre is based in Oakview, Tralee, Co. Kerry. It is a state-of-the-art facility which was founded in 2016 with the aim of offering Families access to an inclusive and holistic approach to their Child's learning, development, and wellbeing.

We offer Children and their Families a highly supportive, caring environment where each Child's individual care needs are identified and supported by our highly qualified and experienced team of Therapists.

We are expanding our Team and looking to recruit an additional Occupational Therapist.

The Post Holder will be responsible for the planning and provision of Occupational Therapy Services to include Assessment diagnostics and Intervention Therapies and may include working with a multi-disciplinary team to develop plans to support children and their family.

Services will be provided to children aged 0-18 years and may have physical, sensory, learning disabilities, developmental delay, and autism.

#### **Applicants should:**

- Ensure a holistic, Client centred approach in their practice.
- Provide support and advice to the child's parents and teachers about every aspect of their care that has to do with the Occupational Therapy needs of the child.
- Adjust communication pattern to the age and level of understanding of the child. This may sometimes include no-verbal means of communication like sign language.
- Attend meetings when needed to provide specialist advice as regards the functional needs of the child.
- Report any difficulties to the Senior OT.
- Be vigilant at all times to ensure and maintain a safe environment for the child.
- Work closely with GP's, Family members, and teachers of the child by keeping them updated on his/her progress.
- Participate in working groups so as to help in the development of clinical and policy changes.
- Assess the child for adaptations and use of specialist equipment when necessary.
- Work within the policy that has to do with child protection procedures and training requirements.
- Identify areas of improvement in the entire procedure and help in managing adaptive changes in ways through which services are provided to the child.

#### **Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities.**

- The Occupational Therapist must be a people person who is always at ease and friendly when relating with people, especially with the child being cared for.
- Where required, complete Occupational Therapy Assessments and plan Intervention Therapy sessions and review the child's general progress.
- Communication abilities. There might be need for extra communication skills like sign language and facial expressions (depending on the challenges being faced by the child in question).
- Hold a recognised qualification in Occupational Therapy & be registered with CORU and AOTI.
- At least 6 months post qualification clinical experience working as an Occupational Therapist with children.
- Some flexibility in working hours will be required to meet the needs of the service.
- Be eligible to work in Ireland.
- Full clean driving licence and access to own vehicle.
- Be enthusiastic and self-motivated.

- Have excellent interpersonal skills & proven verbal and written communication abilities.
- Have the ability to work in a self-directed manner and to work as part of a team.
- Have excellent organisational and time management skills.
- Have good IT and computer skills.
- Have effective use of reflective practice/supervision process.
- The successful candidate will be offered Continuing Professional Development and Clinical Supervision.

**Job Type:** Part-time with a view to Full-time.

**Salary:**

- Competitive package for suitable Applicant

**Benefits:**

- On-site parking

**Schedule:**

- Day shift

**COVID-19 considerations:**

- Common Surfaces in the Early Years Support Centre are sanitized regularly

**Eligibility & Ability to commute/relocate:**

- Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland: Must be eligible to work in Ireland and be able to reliably commute or plan to relocate before starting work (**required**)