



Weekend Volunteers & Sessional staff required Family support and Child Care and Befriending & Mentoring

£7.20 to £8.00 per hour, depending on skills, knowledge and experience.

Firsthand Lothian is currently seeking more sessional workers and volunteers to deliver a child care service for vulnerable, disadvantaged and lone parent families and parents with a child/ren with a disability. We work with families where parent(s) do not have any other regular support or respite from their caring role.

Child care: Caring for children from birth the service is usually delivered in blocks of around 3 – 4 hours in the family's own home and needs to be flexible to meet the needs of the family. Each family will receive up to 80 hours of support - for example a weekly service of 3 hours for 6 months or less frequent but over a longer period of time.

Befriending & Mentoring: working 1:1 with children and young people with disabilities and their siblings to help them achieve their goals – going places independently, participating in activity, developing confidence and social skills and creating opportunities for them to develop their own social networks

Establishing a respectful, trusting and meaningful relationships with parents, carers, children and young people is essential.

Successful applicants will receive:

- **Comprehensive Induction training** which covers relationship building, boundaries, confidentiality, child protection, assessing risk and health and safety
- **Certificated Training**
 - First Aid (focusing on children and babies)
 - Food Hygiene and Infection control
 - Epilepsy (if relevant to individual family/child)
- Other relevant training e.g. Autism Awareness, Autism and Play, Language & Communication, Working with challenging behaviour, developmental play activities etc.
- Opportunities to work alongside an experienced member of staff
- Planned and adhoc support and guidance from a Family Support Co-ordinator
- All out-of pocket expenses

For an Worker or Volunteer application pack please phone 0131 523 1322 or email info@firsthand-lothian.org.uk