

Volunteer Role Description

Skills Development and Community Engagement Unit



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Position Title	Siblings Support Group Volunteer
Reports to	Siblings Support Group Facilitator (Marymead Autism Centre Service Coordinator)
Program Area	Marymead Autism Centre
Location	Rheinberger Centre, Yarralumla
Position no.	VASG3
Description of Project/Purpose of Assignment:	
<p>Marymead has been operating in the Canberra and surrounding NSW region for 51 years, delivering therapeutic and support services to meet the needs of children, young people and families in the community. Our organisation has a justifiable reputation for the delivery of high quality services to support vulnerable children, young people and families.</p> <p>Marymead's Autism Centre provides a wide range of invaluable services and support to individuals on the autism spectrum and their families, all of which are person centred, strengths based, flexible, accessible and responsive.</p> <p>The Siblings Support Group is a monthly support group for the SIBLINGS (aged eight to 13 years) of individuals on the Autism Spectrum. Its aim is to help reduce any feelings of isolation and to develop the confidence and skills to better manage challenges they face. Sessions will include afternoon tea, games and discussion time.</p> <p>We are seeking two enthusiastic volunteers to assist the Siblings Support Group Facilitator with the group.</p>	
Outline of Volunteer's Responsibilities or List of Tasks	
<p>The Siblings Support Group Volunteer will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with set up and pack up of sessions (ensuring the premises are left clean, tidy and secure) • Welcome participants to the group • Support the Siblings Support Group Facilitator and participants by encouraging supportive peer practice • Behave in a manner consistent with Marymead values and policies • Other duties as requested by the Siblings Support Group Facilitator 	
Outcomes/Goals:	
<p>To know that things are going well, we will see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You engaging with participants • Participants engaging with other members of the group • Increase in positive social group interactions • Positive feedback about the group 	
Training and Support Plan:	
<p>You will be required to attend a Marymead Autism Centre specific induction conducted prior to the first day of the role. This will orientate you to the premises as well as provide you with information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Marymead Autism Centre • Siblings Support Group and your responsibilities in the role <p>You will coordinate with the Siblings Support Group Facilitator prior to each session (at times convenient to you both) so you will know what is required for each session.</p>	
Reporting:	
<p>On arrival at each session, you will report to the Siblings Support Group Facilitator.</p> <p>There is no specific reporting required for this role. You will have the opportunity to debrief with the Siblings</p>	

Support Group Facilitator after each session.
Report any incidents to the Siblings Support Group Facilitator.
Time Commitment:
We require some for the last Friday of each month from 3:15pm – 5:15pm (includes any set up or pack up) during the period from 25 th May 2018 to 30 th November 2018.
A commitment to attending the each month is required.
Qualifications, Experience, Qualities or other requirements:
This role would suit someone who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has an understanding of or experience with individuals on the Autism Spectrum • Interacts well with young people • Has had direct experience or qualifications related to the Autism Spectrum • Can take directions • Has well-developed communication skills <p>To be considered for this role a satisfactory police check (undertaken by Marymead) and a WWVP card is essential.</p>
Benefits:
The benefits of this role include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being a part of a friendly and supportive team • Knowing that you are contributing to Marymead’s program goals • Engaging with the local community and contributing to their social and mental wellbeing • The ability to promote positive awareness about the Autism Spectrum • Meeting new people • Smoke free environment

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