



Position Description

Position Title	Play Therapist
Employer	The Centre for Perinatal Health & Parenting Ballarat VICTORIA 3350
Agreed Terms: If employee	Remuneration according to Health Professionals & Support Services (HPSS) Award: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health Professional Level 3 Paypoint 3 - \$82,000- \$85,000pa. pro rata -
If Contractor	Facility fee negotiable
Hours of Work	2-5 days/week 8.50 am-5pm
Reports directly to	Centre Director

The Centre for Perinatal Health & Parenting (CPH&P) is seeking a tertiary qualified Play Therapist 2-5 days per week - contractor or employee position – the choice is yours!

The Centre for Perinatal Health & Parenting is committed to offering a systematic and evidence-based approach to child-centred play therapy.

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About Us ...

Vision:

What started as a desire to provide a safe nurturing space for families to access a range of appropriate and relevant services for their healthcare needs, all under one roof, surrounded by the healing benefits of nature and welcomed by a skilled and respectful team of clinicians, has grown to beyond our wildest dreams.

Facility Descriptor:

Victoria's very first community-based Perinatal Health & Parenting day facility. A first for this beautiful garden state..... so why not in Ballarat, we say?

The Centre is surrounded by beautiful gardens, with horses, alpacas and cows roaming throughout 10 acres of paddocks. Close to the Ballarat CBD, escape the busy-ness of the City, with plenty of free parking onsite and the peacefulness of natural surroundings.

There are 6 consulting rooms, a group room, separate kitchen and bathroom facilities for clients and clinicians, alike. There is a large gated outdoor undercover play area, an onsite walking track, outdoor activity equipment and games for families and clinicians to utilise, gorgeous gardens to wander, with outdoor seating to relax in the sunshine or in the shade of a large Elm tree .

Services offered:

Offering 9 different therapies by a team of 12 clinicians, inclusive of :-
Early parenting consultations with midwife/ maternal & child health nurse/ perinatal & infant mental health consultant; perinatal psychology; child mental health therapies offered by clinical psychologist, educational & developmental psychologist;
paediatric occupational therapy; art therapy; play therapy; equine therapy;
massage therapies;
parent education groups; prenatal and postnatal yoga.

The CPH&P Play Therapist's target demographic ...

Childhood behaviour challenges and a positive approach to emotional co-regulation and connection.

Children with special needs., such as ADHD, Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, Gifted children, Sensory processing challenges.

Childhood mood disorders., anxiety, depression. and/or grief counselling.

Healing from childhood trauma.

Coaching and mentoring of parents regarding the benefits of play.

As a CPH&P Play Therapist you will ...

- Focus on helping the child to develop physical abilities such a motor skills, coordination and movement. Children may learn social skills such as sharing, communication, self-expression and compassion. Emotionally children may experience enjoyment, fulfilment, excitement, curiosity, contentment as well as practicing self-regulation and resilience.
- Cognitively, assist the child to develop problem solving skills, creativity, decision making, abstract thought, understanding things from someone else's perspective.
- Help the child improve their use of language, focused attention, story-telling, literacy skills, memory and self-esteem.
- Expertly direct the child's play to be utilised as a way to process stressful and traumatic life events.
- Utilise play to help the child improve relationships and give the child a sense of control and empowerment. Ensure it is cathartic, and a fun and positive experience.

- Have a tertiary degree qualification in Play Therapy.
- Be eligible for registration with APPTA.
- Have the choice of full-time or part-time and contractor or employee position.
- Very competitive contractor facility fee, or employee salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience according to The Health Professionals & Health Support Services Award.
- Be supported with flexible hours of work and a work-life balance to cater for your family and lifestyle.
- Have a capped number of client sessions per day to ensure you are not feeling overloaded.
- Have opportunities to create and deliver therapeutic group programs within the Centre.

CPH&P Play therapist Selection Criteria...

- An ability to work within the family-centred care ethos of this unique centre for family wellbeing. A genuine ability to relate to children and families, with an understanding and respect for the complexity of parenting.
- Relevant Tertiary Qualification. ie. Bachelor and/or Masters of Play Therapy.
- Current registration with an industry professional body.
- Evidence of self-funded professional indemnity insurance.
- A minimum of 2 years of recent experience in the clinical provision of a range of play therapy services.
- An ability to prepare and facilitate group therapy sessions, with other health professionals.
- Highly developed communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to treat male, female and non-binary parents and their families with sensitivity.
- A proven commitment to the delivery of evidence-based best practice models of service, with family as central focus.
- An ability to work effectively and efficiently alongside other members of the team.
- Highly developed computer skills.
- Excellent written communication and organisational skills.
- A commitment to ongoing professional development and the importance of quality paediatric play therapy research.
- Ability to work independently and take initiative when appropriate.
- Current Working with Children's Check (WWC) and Police Check.
- Current Victorian Driver's License.

Does this sound like a role and work environment you might thrive in? If so, we'd love to hear from you ...

Please email your CV to CPH&P Director, Louise Shalders:

louises@perinatalhealth.com.au or call 0407 323538 for a confidential discussion today.