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Playgroup Facilitator Role

Background

The Northern Centre was successful with their application as part of the Stronger Communities Grant program with Parramatta Council to run two Dads n Bubs Playgroups. We have partnered with Playgroup NSW to deliver this program.

Dads n Bubs Playgroup will provide opportunities for children to learn through unstructured play and enable parents to develop social networks and improve parenting skills.

Targeting Dads/ carers and their child/ren that live/ work in the Parramatta LGA, this initiative provides a service to fill the current gap for dads to attend a playgroup.

Weekly sessions will be of an informal nature with the facilitator acting more as a guide; organising the different activities (and explaining to parents the purpose of these), setting up, and engaging in general conversations around parenting and play.

The group will run for 18 weeks on Saturdays, with each session running for 2 hours at Explore & Develop, Parramatta. Facilitators will be paid for 3 hours each week. The group will run from Saturday 2 June through to Saturday 6 October, 2018.

The first DADS&bubs ran in 2017 and feedback from the Dads indicates it was a great success and the Dads have continued to meet informally on Saturdays.

Intended Outcomes

The playgroup will create a sense of belonging and social inclusion by providing the opportunity for Dads, who due to work commitments are unable to attend week day playgroups.

- Encourage stronger parenting skills and levels of family support
- Support to be more involved care-givers
- Enhance father-child relationship
- Increase Fathers' understanding, skills and confidence in supporting their child's development
- To build social support networks
- To have access to community information and resources

It is intended that Dads and their children transition into either an established Community Playgroups or establish their own after the 18 week program. One of the partners for this program, Playgroup NSW, will support the group to navigate this transition as well as provide all participating Dads/ Carers with a one year membership.



We are looking for a qualified Early Childhood Worker or someone with similar qualifications and/or experience to facilitate this group.

Funding received as part of this grant will cover wages based on an hourly rate. The successful applicant will need to hold an ABN in order to invoice The Northern Centre for payment of wages (*please note that applying for an ABN does not incur any cost*).

Applicants must have a current WWCC and preferably a current First Aid certificate and provide copies of these to The Northern Centre.

To Apply

Please send your resume with a cover letter and response to the following selection criteria to be considered for this role (no more than 5 pages in total):

1. As the facilitator of this group, what challenges do you think you might face and how would you tackle these challenges?
2. Describe what strategies you would implement to support one of the intended outcomes: *'increase Fathers' understanding, skills and confidence in supporting their child's development'*
3. Describe some creative ways in how you would inform the Dads about other things they can access (resources, information) in their community for children and families.

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