



Alternate Family Teacher/Specialist Youth Worker

Teaching Family Home - Tauranga

Youth Horizons is a not for profit organisation which has been delivering a range of residential, foster care, education and community based services for over 15 years, dedicated to providing solutions for families and young people aged 0-20. These include young people with conduct or anti-social problems or those at risk of developing such problems.

We are driven to achieve the best possible life outcomes and we are guided by our core values of Manaakitanga, Wairuatanga, Aroha, and Whanaungatanga.

With our National office in Auckland, Youth Horizons has over 250 staff and specialist caregivers effectively achieving positive life outcomes in the lives of children, young people and families and whanau across Northland, greater Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Lower North Island and Otago/Southland.

And now we need someone extraordinary like you to be our Alternate Family Teacher / Specialist Youth Worker.

We are seeking someone to join the team in our residential home in Tauranga, which provides intensive residential treatment services for girls with severe behavioural problems. This is a 32 hour permanent position, 26 actual working hours and 1 sleepover per week.

The house operates with full time live in Family Teachers. You work alongside on a rostered shift basis, as an Alternate Family Teacher working with other staff. It is mainly evening shift work, weekend work and sleepovers. The Home utilises a "Teaching Family Model" which is an evidence based therapeutic model widely delivered overseas and in several of our services. It is very effective in helping young people to learn pro-social behaviour to enable them to live in the community.

As an Alternate Family Teacher / Specialist youth worker, you will be responsible for:

- Supporting the Family Teachers in their vital role with the young people
- Supporting and empowering the young people within the home to undertake their daily activities, meet their goals and work to bring about real change for them within a teaching model capacity
- Working collaboratively with external agencies such as the Police, CYF and other agencies to best support the young people, their needs and requirements

Key competencies include:

- You must have a full, clean drivers licence
- You will have experience in working with young people
- Experience in working with a range of cultures
- Experience developing and facilitating the achievement of goals for young people with complex behavioural and support needs
- Previous conflict resolution experience
- Ability to critically analyse and problem solve
- Ability to build strong relationships with internal staff and external stakeholders
- Have the passion to enhance the lives of young people at risk

We will provide you with:

- 24/7 on-call support backed by senior clinical, cultural and TFM practitioners
- Full induction and on-going training in the TFM model and regular supervision

***Please send in your Cover Letter and CV to:
Karen.Williamson@youthorizons.org.nz.***

If you would like more information or a Job Description please contact Karen by email or phone 07 575 2639.

Applications close Friday 18th September

