



House Parents - Hamilton Based

Expressions of Interest for House Parents for other regions are invited

Youth Horizons is a specialised organisation which has a great reputation for providing evidence-based services for young people in care who have challenging antisocial behaviours. It is an innovative organisation that lives its core values of Manaakitanga, Wairuatanga, Aroha, and Whanaungatanga.

With our national office in Auckland, Youth Horizons has over 250 staff and specialist caregivers helping to transform the lives of children, young people and families and whānau across Northland, greater Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Lower North Island and Otago/Southland.

In our community we have young people who are really struggling. Their lives have been deeply affected by trauma and their behaviours have become increasingly challenging. Their futures are at risk if we don't act now to give them the nurture and structure they need to develop appropriate life skills. The good news is that young people do have significant opportunity for change despite the toughest of starts to life. We know that because at Youth Horizons we work with them every day and we measure the outcomes.

We are seeking a couple who have raised their own children or who simply have a passion for helping youth to be the House Parents of our Hamilton group home, caring for up to five young males with behaviour problems. These young people age 12-16 years have come into care and cannot for the moment return home or to whānau care. The house operates within the "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 new ways of behaving. We are also introducing Teaching Family Model into other regions. Expressions of interest are also invited from couples who are interested in the House Parent role and who are flexible about where in New Zealand they live.

Each young person needs:

- Your well-honed parenting skills so each of them can thrive
- To live with you in our family home for up to a year to learn new behaviours and social and emotional skills
- To be safe and secure, to be accepted for who they are and to be treated with respect
- To be transitioned home to their own families or whānau or into longer term foster care when the time is right

What we provide House Parents:

- The position is live-in with a self-contained unit for the house parents adjoined to the house.
- Full remuneration to enable the couple to be full-time House Parents. The package we offer includes a salary for each parent, all food and normal household expenses for both parents and a vehicle for work related travel.
- Full training in working in the Teaching Family Model
- Around the clock support on a 24x7 basis
- You will have rostered time off, every fourth weekend off, and four weeks annual leave from your care responsibilities
- A skilled clinical and cultural team to work with you to address the young people's behaviours systematically, based on evidence of what works
- Contact every working day in order to ensure you have the support you need to undertake this challenging and rewarding role

If you can help please let us know. For more information or to submit your CV and covering letter please contact:

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Applications close: 8th December 2013.



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