

1. Position Identification

Title:	Youth Accommodation Worker
Location:	Indigo Junction Youth Service
Level:	CASH Award: Level 3
Hours of Work	As per roster
Date effective:	

2. Reporting Relationships

Responsible To (immediate Supervisor)	Program Manager
Number of Staff Positions (directly supervised)	Nil
Number of Staff Positions (indirectly supervised)	Nil

3. Organisational Values

All employees are expected to work to the vision, mission and values of Indigo Junction.

Vision

Everyone has the right to a safe place to live and grow. Homelessness is not OK!

Mission

Indigo Junction will:

- Provide safe, secure and affordable housing
- Promote independence, education and personal development
- Build capacity for social and economic participation.

Values

Dedicated Accepting Creative Informed

4. The key objectives of this position are:

- To provide supported crisis and transitional accommodation and related support services for young people who have experienced a crisis resulting in homelessness.
- To ensure clients are safe, supported and increase their knowledge and confidence to reduce the likelihood of future crises.
- To support young people towards more independent living by empowering them with life skills. Assist in restoring family relationships where possible.
- To ensure client outcomes are optimised through the services participation in local coordinated interagency responses.

5. The key duties and responsibilities of this position are:

Organisational

- Operate in accordance with the organisation's policies and procedures.
- Operate in accordance with CPFS Service Standards and funding contract requirements.
- Report to senior staff on the day to day operation of the Youth House.
- Work within the Indigo Junction case management model, reporting to the Coordinator.
- Abide by the staff code of conduct.
- Supply reports to the program manager pertaining to any reportable incidents.
- Participate in organisational and youth specific training opportunities.
- Maintain good records and support program evaluation, reporting and audit processes as required.
- Other duties as directed by senior staff.

Client Services

- Work within IJ's Trauma Informed Care framework (training and education provided for new staff).
- Provide one-on-one casework services to assist clients under the direction of the Youth Service Manager.
- Provide support to Youth external houses.
- Provide informal counselling/emotional support to clients.
- Provide client living skills and recreation programs.
- Provide information, advocacy and referral services for clients, and provide practical support for them to access those services.
- Provide outreach and support young people to connect to various activities or appointments that are important to their development.
- Provide support to young people in attending to their hygiene, health and nutrition.

Household Operation

- Ensure that the household is a safe, non-threatening environment.
- Ensure day to day household operations procedures are followed.

6. Selection Criteria -

The skills, experience, qualifications and attributes needed to do this job

<i>a) Qualifications and/or training and/or licences</i>	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Desirable</i>
Tertiary qualification or equivalent experience in the Human Services field.	✓	
<i>b) Experience and knowledge</i>	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Desirable</i>
Sound understanding of the principles of Trauma Informed Care.	✓	
Experience and demonstrated competence in working with young people in crisis.	✓	
A commitment to the notion of empowerment and self-determination.	✓	
Understanding of the cultural and social factors of homelessness and other crisis.	✓	
Experience in a case management approach with an understanding of professional boundaries in relation to client work.	✓	
Experience in providing advocacy and referral.	✓	
Knowledge of community and government resources.	✓	
Cultural competency and experience working with young people from diverse backgrounds.	✓	
<i>c) Skills and attributes</i>	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Desirable</i>
Sound interpersonal skills.	✓	
Sound negotiation and advocacy skills.	✓	
Ability to work independently and as a team member.		
Sound self-management, time management and organisational skills.	✓	
Computing skills in word processing, spreadsheets and data-base.	✓	
<i>d) Training and/or licences and/or clearances</i>	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Desirable</i>
Current 'C' class driver's licence.	✓	
Current National Police Clearance.	✓	
Working with Children Clearance.	✓	
First Aid Certificate (or willingness to obtain one).	✓	

7. Certification

As the occupant of the position I have noted the statement of duties and responsibilities as detailed in this document.

Signature: _____
Youth Accommodation Worker

Date: _____

The details contained in this document are an accurate statement of the duties, responsibilities and other requirements of the position. This position description is indicative at this point in time.

Signature: _____
Executive Officer

Date: _____

