

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Counsellor – Child and Adolescent Sexual Assault

DIVISION or PROGRAM:	Family Support	AWARD AND LEVEL (if applicable):	SCHCDS Level 5
DATE OF APPROVAL:		APPROVED BY (Position Title):	

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

The Child and Adolescent Sexual Assault Counsellor provides counselling for children & adolescents who have experienced substantiated or unsubstantiated sexual abuse. Support and counselling are also provided to non-offending family members/carers. The Child and Adolescent Sexual Assault Counsellor also provides advocacy and intervention for children under 10 years who are presenting with sexualized behavior. Court support and preparation, education and groupwork for families is also provided.

The Child and Adolescent Sexual Assault Counsellor is required to undertake complex work with children and adolescents who have experienced sexual assault. The role requires high level clinical skills and ability to work collaboratively.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Perform the duties of the role in accordance with CatholicCare's Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles
- Deliver person centred assessment, therapeutic counselling support services and appropriate referral for children and adolescents who have experienced sexual assault.
- Provide support and counselling for non-offending family members/carers
- Provide education and group work programs as appropriate, including protective behaviours education
- Consult with other CatholicCare staff regarding sexual assault (formally and informally)
- Complete all documentation and administrative tasks required including managing case files and data collection
- Participate in community development activities and attend CASAC and other interagency forums.
- Prepare for and actively engage in supervision with a CatholicCare supervisor and/or external clinical supervisor as nominated by the Senior Team Leader
- Other duties as directed from time to time.

KEY COMMUNICATIONS

This role works closely with:

- Senior Team Leader – receive supervision, guidance and direction
- Department of Communities and Justice
- Children, adolescents and their families

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE (Selection Criteria)

1.	Ability to undertake the duties of the role in accordance with CatholicCare's Mission, Vision and Values
2.	Relevant qualification in Social Work, Psychology, Counselling or equivalent
3.	Demonstrated knowledge of current Child Protection Legislation
4.	Experience and skills in providing counselling services to children, adolescents and families
5.	Demonstrated knowledge of children and adolescent development
6.	Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively within a team environment
7.	Demonstrated experience in working with culturally and linguistically diverse clients
8.	Experience in delivery of group work
9.	A valid Working with Children's Check verification number

* CatholicCare reserves the right to vary this position description in response to its changing needs.