

Position Description

Title:	Administration Officer, Early Learning
Business unit:	Early Learning
Location:	As per employment agreement
Employment type:	As per employment agreement
Reports to:	As per employment agreement

About Uniting

Uniting Vic.Tas is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church. We've been supporting people and families for over 100 years. We work alongside people of all ages in local communities in Victoria and Tasmania. Our services reach to Albury-Wodonga in the north, Mallacoota in East Gippsland, the Wimmera region in the west, and across Tasmania.

We empower children, young people and families to learn and thrive. We're there for people experiencing homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction or mental illness. We support people with disability to live the life they choose. We assist older people to maintain their independence and enjoy life. We provide opportunities to access training and meaningful employment. We're proud to welcome and support asylum seekers to our community. We work to empower people with the information, skills and tools they need to live a healthy, happy life.

As an organisation, we work in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as Australia's First Peoples and as the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

We celebrate diversity and value the lived experience of people of every ethnicity, faith, age, disability, culture, language, gender identity, sex and sexual orientation. We welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and non-binary, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQ+) people at our services. We pledge to provide inclusive and non-discriminatory services.

Our purpose: To inspire people, enliven communities and confront injustice

Our values: We are imaginative, respectful, compassionate and bold

1. Position purpose

The role of the Early Learning Administration Officer is to provide administrative support to early learning services and/or programs as required, by performing a wide range of administrative and support tasks.

It is an expectation of the incumbent will be confident to work autonomously, communicate effectively with all stakeholders, and that they would foster excellent working relationships at the site where they are located.

2. Scope

Budget:

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nil

People:

nil

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3. Relationships

Internal

- Early Learning Coordinators
- Early Learning Area Manager
- Family Day Care Educators
- Early Learning Teachers and Educators
- Finance, ICT and P&C team(s) as required
- Other Uniting employees as required

External

- Department of Education and Training
 - Families
 - Commonwealth and State Government as required through direction of management
 - Other service providers as required
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4. Key responsibility areas

Service delivery:

- Support the transition of program changes in line with Government and organizational initiatives
- Attendance at program meetings as required
- Assist in providing relevant information and support with Uniting process and procedures
- Assist in the general administration of the organization such as working the switchboard at peak times
- Respect the diverse needs of all community groups and individuals to ensure that their needs are met in an inclusive and sensitive manner
- Respond to requests to support the functions of Finance, ICT and P&C where required
- Other duties as directed
- Liaison with external organisations such as the Department of Education and Training (DET), ELAA and local government as directed
- Maintain administrative records and perform other duties as directed by the committee
- To be familiar with, and adhere to, all policies and procedures of the service
- Ensure Child Safe Standards are adhered to at all times

Early Childhood Education and Care including Kindergarten (if applicable):

- Data entry into relevant program database including but not limited to processing educator timesheets
- Assisting Early Learning Coordinator/Centre Director/Early Childhood Lead Teachers with specific program tasks as identified
- Supporting the enrolment process into Early Learning Services in consultation with Early Learning Coordinators
- Work cooperatively with team members to achieve program goals and objectives including the Parent Advisory Groups where applicable
- Assist in providing timely information flow and support to educators, parents and the Department of Education and Training and Department of Education, Skills and Employment & Department of Health and Human Services (DET/ DESE / DHHS)
- Record management of all Early Learning Services
- Travel to Early Learning Services to undertake tasks associated to the role at the direction of the Early Learning Coordinator

Kindergarten Inclusion Support (if applicable):

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- Provide administration and coordination support to the KIS Program to ensure kindergartens are supported with the additional resources from the KIS funding packages
- Assist the Early Learning Coordinator to communicate with kindergarten teachers and other relevant stakeholders regarding the KIS application process, eligibility criteria and appeal process
- In the absence of the ELC, ensure KIS applications are processed in a timely manner for assessment by the Regional Advisory Group (RAG) members
- Ensure eligible KIS applications are processed in accordance with regulatory requirements, managing placement of Additional Assistants in the Kindergartens, and completing employment documentation
- Ensure effective administrative systems, procedures and documentation are in place to support a cohesive program, contributing to the review of KIS processes to ensure they remain effective and efficient
- Assist the Program Support Officer to organise relief when an Additional Assistant is absent or when a kindergarten is waiting for placement of an Additional Assistant.
- Coordinate the processing of fortnightly time sheets and leave taken on USS for Additional Assistants

Finance, quality and risk:

- Support administrative functions including but not limited to the acquittal of Government funding, administration associated with grants and funding, tracking of expenditure, processing of invoicing, supporting the recovery of bad debt
- Ensure all administrative and reporting requirements of the program(s) are completed and submitted to the relevant organizations within the appropriate timeframes
- Provide best practice and administrative support our clients both internal and external
- Maintain current and accurate case notes, records and statistical information
- Participate in quality accreditation process
- Operate within the budget allocation and financial policies and procedures of the service
- Order purchases in conjunction with staff, consistent with the budget and committee approval processes

Personal accountability

- Compliance with Uniting's values, code of conduct, policies and procedures and relevant government legislation and standards where relevant.
- Cooperate with strategies to actively ensure the safety, protection and well-being of children who come into association with us.
- Ensure appropriate use of resources.
- Work collaboratively with Uniting (Victoria Tasmania) employees and external stakeholders in accordance with Uniting's values and professional standards of behaviour.
- Actively participate in initiatives to maintain, build upon and promote a positive and collaborative workplace.
- Identify opportunities to integrate and work collaboratively across teams.
- Take reasonable care for your own health and safety, and health and safety of others (to the extent required).
- Promote a positive safety culture by contributing to health and safety consultation and communication.
- Promptly respond to and report health and safety hazards, incidents and near misses to line management
- Attend mandatory training sessions (i.e. equal employment opportunity, health, and safety) and mandatory training specific to position.
- Declare anything that you become aware of through the course of your engagement which may impede your suitability to work with children and/or young people.

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5. Person specification

Qualifications

- Qualifications in Administration, Business or a related field (desired)
- Experience in administration (required)

Experience

- Demonstrated experience in an administrative role
- Knowledge of Early Years programs and practices
- Ability to plan, work and manage time effectively with limited direction and supervision
- Ability to maintain accurate records, including accurate minute taking and committee administration
- Developed understanding of the National Quality Framework and Regulations

Core selection criteria

- **Values alignment:** ability to demonstrate and authentically promote Uniting's values.
 - **Child safety:** Demonstrated ability to provide safe environments for children and young people and protect them from abuse and neglect.
 - **Consumer centeredness:** foster, promote and implement a culture that keeps consumers at the centre of everything we do; demonstrates an awareness of and prioritises the needs of consumers; focuses on optimal outcomes for consumers
 - **Teamwork:** cooperates and works well with others in pursuit of team goals; collaborates and shares information; shows consideration, concern and respect for others feelings and ideas; accommodates and works well with the different working styles of others; encourages resolution of conflict within the group; willingness to be proactive and help others; contributes to the continuous improvement of a positive, collaborative and effective work environment
 - **Administrative skills:** Excellent organisational skills; High level of attention to detail and accuracy; experience in handling sensitive information and maintaining privacy; knowledge of Client Management Systems / Databases or the ability to quickly develop competency in use of such systems; high level computer literacy skills including demonstrated experience in Microsoft Office; well-developed literacy and numeracy skills
 - **Communication:** Strong and clear communication skills with the ability to build positive professional relationships with key internal and external stakeholders; excellent interpersonal skills
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6. We are a child safe organisation

Uniting is a child safe organisation and is committed in everyday practice to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children, at all times. As a child safe organisation, employment with Uniting is subject to a satisfactory national (and international where relevant) police check and relevant Working With Children Check (and NDIS Worker Screening Check where relevant) to your State prior to commencement of any paid or unpaid work and/or participation in any service or undertaking.

This position description is subject to review and may change in accordance with Uniting's operational, service and consumer requirements.

7. Acknowledgement

I have read, understood, and accepted the above Position Description

Employee

Name:

Signature:

Date: