

Waikato Developmental Playgroup Facilitator

This role supports the developmental playgroup therapist by organising and overseeing fortnightly playgroup sessions which are attended by the whānau of premature and unwell babies after their discharge from a neonatal unit.

This involves creating a welcoming, safe and inclusive environment where these vulnerable can play as well as facilitating a morning tea which offers families a chance to connect and share experiences.

The Developmental Playgroup Facilitator plays a crucial role in helping to support the whānau of premature and unwell newborn babies post discharge.

Every week I:

Support the playgroup therapist in the delivery of a Developmental Playgroup to whānau of premature and unwell babies post discharge.

Adhere to confidentiality and to policies and procedures.

Foster a sense of community among playgroup members, encouraging social interaction and networking among whānau.

Am an ambassador, demonstrating awareness, support and promotion of the Trust.

Model commitment to and understanding of cultural issues.

Create a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for families, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.

Outcomes I am responsible for:

Organise and oversee a simple morning tea during the playgroup sessions.

Active promotion of the playgroup with a fortnightly morning tea within Waikato NICU.

Ensure that refreshments are prepared, served, and cleaned up afterward, accommodating dietary restrictions as needed

Ensure the safety and well-being of all participants during playgroup sessions.

Maintain a clean and safe play environment, following any health and safety guidelines.

Set up and pack down of equipment, and ensuring materials are wiped clean and are safe/fit for use

Communicate with families and therapist about upcoming sessions, any changes to the schedule.

Maintain attendance records and report any issues or incidents to the Operations Manager.

I bring to the role:

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to engage and support families effectively.

Sensitivity to the needs of children with diverse abilities and backgrounds

Passionate about supporting positive, long term, outcomes for NICU/SCBU families.

Understanding of professional and personal emotional boundaries.

A keen interest in working with families with a passion for early childhood development.

Excellent organisational skills

Dependable and consistent in fulfilling responsibilities

Lived neonatal (NICU or SCBU) experience

I am valued for:

Supporting the whānau of premature and unwell newborn babies.

My passion and knowledge.

My desire to strive toward the best possible outcomes for this vulnerable group.

My commitment to diversity and inclusion for all.

Making a meaningful impact in the community