

Essential and Desirable Criteria – Play Therapist.

Qualifications & Professional Membership

- Tertiary qualifications in Play Therapy, Expressive Therapies, Counselling, or a related discipline
- Current membership or eligibility for membership with APPTA, PTI, PTAU or a similar professional body
- Current Working with Children Check and National Police Check

Clinical Experience & Therapeutic Practice

- Demonstrated experience delivering Play Therapy to children aged 3–12
- Proven ability to engage therapeutically with children and young people presenting with complex needs, including experiences of abuse, neglect, bereavement, developmental disability, and family trauma
- Sound understanding of child development and child protection principles
- Commitment to neuroaffirming practice and culturally responsive, trauma-informed care

Collaboration & Communication

- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team
- Strong interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills, including the capacity to write clear, professional case notes and reports
- Effective organisational and time management skills

Values Alignment

- Demonstrated commitment to Gateway Family Services' values and mission, with the ability to authentically promote a child-centred, strengths-based approach

*We acknowledge with great respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first people of this land.
We pay respect to the Darug and Gundungurra people - their Elders, past and present,
and to the children of today who are elders of tomorrow.*