

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Community Paediatric Physiotherapist

REPORTING TO: General Manager

FUNCTIONAL Children with disabilities, families / whanau

RELATIONSHIPS: General Manager

Staff

Relevant Professionals including:

Paediatricians, Nurses, G.P's, Speech Language Therapists, Orthopaedic Department, Orthotics, Schools . Early Childhood Services and Specialist Education Services.

Relevant Organisations including:

Support Net, Enable, Child and Adolescence Mental Health Service, Idea, CCS, Equipment Suppliers.

PURPOSE OF POSITION: To function as part of a multi-disciplinary team providing a comprehensive community based therapy service for children/young people with disabilities and their families / whanau.

KEY TASKS:

1. Assessment of children in the most appropriate environment using assessment tools / procedures and team protocols.
2. To recommend treatment / therapy plan for each child, based on identified needs that can be functionally integrated with child, family/whanau routines and activities.
3. To oversee the implementation, monitoring, documentation and review of individual therapy / treatment programmes.
4. To issue, fit and explain the use of assistive equipment and document as appropriate. Maintain effective tracking system for equipment on loan / trial. Monitor and maintain safety of equipment in use. Recommend additional resource requirements for service area.
5. To ensure that all activities are documented as per service policies and procedures including maintaining accurate, concise and retrievable records and statistics.
6. To participate in service coordination team meetings at the request of the General Manager and contribute to the interdisciplinary team.
7. To adopt an open and collaborative style that fosters teamwork and trust, and keeps everyone up to date and well informed.
8. To participate in professional supervision and relevant staff development opportunities, therefore maintaining professional standards by keeping up to date with current literature, courses inservice training and take responsibility for own professional growth.

9. To monitor own caseload, prioritise need for services and refer on to appropriate services where necessary. Ensure appropriate documentation for discharges.
10. To ensure there is a safe working environment. Aware of safety and emergency procedures.
11. Incorporate cultural, social and inclusive philosophies into interactions with children and their family / whanau.
12. Maintain and increase the profile of Te Whanau Kotahi by taking responsibility for educating other health professionals and community organisations about Te Whanau Kotahi's services values and philosophy.