
ASSOCIATE CHILD AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST (ACE-PSYCH): OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for enthusiastic, creative, and knowledgeable Associate Child and Educational Psychologists (ACE-Psychologists) to support the growing demand for Child and Educational Psychology services in Staffordshire and the West Midlands. As a non-LA service, we do not need to fulfil statutory duties and support a range of service users and MATs independently. We are highly regarded by educational communities with whom we have developed long term relationships.

ABOUT SUMMIT PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES

We are a small, independent psychology service, with its roots firmly in Child and Educational Psychology. Our team is now multi-disciplinary consisting of registered, experienced, passionate psychologists, and therapists, who firmly believe that every child and young person can be empowered and supported to accomplish whatever they desire to achieve. The inclusion, healing, growth, wellbeing, and happiness of children and young people is at the heart of everything that we do.

The founder of Summit is a Child and Educational Psychologist who provides EMDR therapy and specialist psychological support in the field of trauma informed practice. Due to increasing demand for specialist support, we are seeking ACE-Psychologists who can join the team to support the service's capacity.

We are passionate about applying evidenced-based practice, therapies, and systemic approaches that make a difference, whether that be at an individual level or supporting the development of educational communities and settings through organisational change processes. As an independent service we do not have statutory SEND duties, freeing up your professional potential to work with schools to bring about positive change for children and young people.

Summit introduced the nationally accredited Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA) intervention to Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent in 2018. There is an opportunity to join the ELSA supervision and training team, and to provide a high quality training and supervisory experience for our growing ELSA community. We may also offer opportunities to contribute to the research and development of future training offers and broader service development. It is our hope that associates would see themselves as a part of the team and those who join us would be included, respected, and valued as such.

PROFESSIONAL ROLE DESCRIPTION:

We are now looking for Associate Child and Educational Psychologists who use a consultation model of service delivery and who can confidently collaborate with educational communities, parents, and other service users to ensure best outcomes for children and young people.

For September 2022 we are additionally looking for an Associate Child and Educational Psychologist who is knowledgeable and skilled in supporting ACE's, can apply trauma informed practices and relational care approaches from the individual to the systemic. This would be to work closely with a secondary academy in the largest West Midlands city for one day per week during term time. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to work creatively and collaboratively with students and staff alike.

ASSOCIATE CHILD AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST RESPONSIBILITIES

- Associate Educational Psychologists will need to be able to offer advice, practical strategies, and SEND interventions, as well as supporting educational communities and parents, individual children and young people, or groups of children and young people as required.
- You would be expected to have the psychological and interpersonal skills to build trust, exercise integrity, and independently deliver Child and Educational Psychology services in a variety of modalities, to a level expected of a competent professional, and which should be based on carefully reasoned formulation.
- When identified as being helpful, you may need to undertake appropriate assessments as required in collaboration with service users, educational communities, children, young people, and families.
- To hold this role, you will need to be able to write clear and concise consultation records, and to write other documents as may be required, and as negotiated with service users.
- You will also need to maintain clear records of service provision, in accordance with Summit Psychology Services policies and procedures, and to maintain up to date information on the Service databases.
- You may also be asked for your contribution to Multi-Agency Team working as appropriate to support the safeguarding of children, young people, and with a view to supporting early and proactive support and intervention.
- We would expect that you are committed to the principles of the UN Rights of the Child, and that as part of your CPD you ensure that your knowledge of SEND national practices, policies, and applied psychology is relevant, up to date, and maintained.

QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCE, AND ATTRIBUTES

1. Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registration as a Practitioner Psychologist is essential.
2. Ideally associates will also be members of the AEP and hold membership with the British Psychological Society (BPS).
3. In addition, professional indemnity insurance is required to be held by the psychologist and you will also need to agree to an enhanced DBS check.
4. A minimum of two years post-qualification experience is highly desirable.

5. You will need a driving licence, transport and be willing to travel.
6. You will need a laptop but will be provided with secure data storage in line with our Data protection and safeguarding policies.
7. Previous experience of working with and supporting Social, Emotional and Wellbeing needs and neurodiversity is strongly desirable, as is experience, knowledge, and skill in supporting vulnerable children and young people who have lived experience of ACEs.
8. For psychologists interested in supervising, BPS registration on the Register of Applied Psychology Practice Supervisors (RAPPS) is highly desirable.
9. Experience of providing ELSA training is highly desirable. For psychologists wishing to offer further training, a portfolio of training provided, and delegate/ trainee evaluations is highly desirable.
10. The post holder will be required to travel between settings and on occasion may be required to travel to other locations to complete initial consultations with service users that have been referred to the service.

TERMS

Days and Hours to be agreed. Flexible working Monday to Friday. No weekends. No expectation to work over school holidays.

RATE: £525.00 per day (6 hours) and travel paid at the HMRC rate

BENEFITS:

- No statutory assessments
- Professional supervision provided
- Opportunity to work consistently with individual educational communities
- Flexible working hours
- Work from home opportunities
- On-site parking
- Dedicated office space
- Opportunity to join a small interdisciplinary team
- Dedicated in house training and supervision space
- Secure data storage and encrypted hardware
- Virtual meeting software provided
- Administrative support
- Professional email address registered to Summit Psychology Services
- CPD opportunities

For an informal discussion please contact Dr Dawn Bradley: suport@summitpsychologyservices.co.uk, or phone 07341 885755

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HCPC Registered Practitioner Psychologist

EMDR Therapist

