

Early Parenting Support Worker

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This position is an exciting addition to the Intake team. It is a point of contact across the funded regions, to provide information and support to families who are having a baby and assist in linking these families into appropriate supports.

The Early Parenting Support Worker will develop relationships with Wimmera Health Care Group birthing unit as well as other local health and welfare professionals, including maternal and child health, GP's, hospitals, ChildFIRST, etc. The position will work in collaboration with these services to connect mothers and families pre-birth to ensure that both baby and parent/s feel supported.

The Early Learning Parenting Support Worker will:

- Gather information, identify issues and respond to situations in need of families.
- Develop a sound working relationship with health, welfare and community professionals to ensure a collaborative approach is used to support families.
- Have the skills and resources to conduct initial and ongoing assessments of the family's needs and be the consistent contact for the family during their anti-natal period.
- Utilise a broad range of assessment tools including safety or risk assessment frameworks, developmental assets; strength based needs assessments and psychological assessments.
- Be actively involved in the developmental and implementation of a local parenting centre to offer families an opportunity to develop and improve positive relationships with their children.
- Link families into appropriate services.
- Provide practical advice and assistance to families and care providers who require support in developing and enhancing their parenting, and
- Develop intervention plans focusing on the healthy development of the unborn child in consultation with the family and other professionals, which are based on good professional knowledge, values and skills.

If you would like to contact me to discuss this position further please do not hesitate, call 5362 4000 or email jot@wuc.org.au

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