

Support Coordinator

Position Description

About the role

The Housing specific Support Coordinator is responsible for assisting people with disability to identify and obtain the housing option that best meets their needs, supporting people with disability to understand the disability housing market, gather evidence for a home and living decision and search for housing options.

Since the introduction of the NDIS, housing for people with disability has changed to a market based system. This means more housing options are emerging and people with disability have choice and control over where they live and who they live with. For some people with high support needs, options such as Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA), Individualised Living Options (ILO) and Supported Independent Living (SIL) will be available to them. This role is focused on home and living supports and includes supporting a person to explore housing options, gather evidence, review the evidence and in the development of quality documentation for funding for housing supports. This role is not focussed on all facets of Support Coordination. The role of the Support Coordinator will be to understand the eligibility criteria for participants seeking the above mentioned funding and to review and write high quality evidence to be submitted to the NDIA.

The role reports to the Support Coordination Lead and sits within the Housing Hub team within the Summer Foundation. The Support Coordinator is an integral member of the Housing Hub and works with people with high and complex disability needs and their family members to provide high quality support, including documentation along the journey of exploring housing options.

About Summer Foundation

Established in 2006, the key aim of the Summer Foundation is to change human service policy and practice related to young people in nursing homes.

The Summer Foundation utilises a range of strategies to influence health, housing, aged care and disability service policy and practice related to this target group.

If you are looking for a career where you can make a difference, work collaboratively with committed and passionate people and have real opportunities for professional development, we encourage you to join our team.

Why we exist

The Summer Foundation exists to permanently stop young people with disability from being forced into residential aged care, ensuring people with disability have access to the support required to be in control of where, how and with whom they live.

Housing Hub is a social enterprise that was created by the Summer Foundation in 2018. We work with Housing Seekers and Housing Providers so that people with disability can find the home that is just right.

How will we know we've succeeded

This problem can be solved, we are doing legacy work, and we are well on track to achieving what we set out to do. In 5 years we expect the Summer Foundation will have achieved its purpose. We will regard this as 'job done' when the systems, policy settings and markets consistently enable people with disability to live where, how and with whom they choose; experiencing choice and control equal to people without disability.

Our workplace

We have staff working all across Australia, however our head office is located in Box Hill, Victoria. To meet some of our staff and watch a short clip about our organisation, please go to:

<https://www.summerfoundation.org.au/about-us/who-we-are/>

The Summer Foundation has flexible and supportive work practices. We encourage and welcome people with lived experience of disability to apply.

Role details

Position	Support Coordinator
Team	Housing Hub Social Enterprise
Direct reports	Nil
Reports to	Support Coordination Lead
Status	Full time Fixed Term - 12 month contract
Award Classification	SCHADS Level 4 \$81,463 to \$85,000+ Super
Location	Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
Last updated	July 2022

About the team

The Housing Hub Social Enterprise has been established by Summer Foundation to create initiatives to develop the SDA housing market across Australia. We work with Housing Seekers and Housing Providers so that people with disability can find the home that is just right.

We have developed a Housing Hub website to connect people looking for housing with accessible housing options, a Housing Options Team to provide information, resources and capacity building to people with disability on housing options and a Tenancy Matching Service to identify SDA eligible tenants for new SDA properties.

The Housing Hub: The Summer Foundation has developed a platform (thehousinghub.org.au) dedicated to supporting people with disability to find a home they would like to live in. The platform allows housing providers to list properties and find suitable tenants. During 2019/20, we redeveloped the Housing Hub platform and introduced paid featured listings and market data products.



Key responsibilities

Support Coordination

- Support clients to understand the housing related supports within their NDIS plan
- Organise relevant meetings with clients and their family members/supporters
- Maintain a high level understanding of eligibility for NDIS Home and Living Supports (including SDA, ILO and SIL).
- Support people in finding suitable housing aligned with their needs and preferences (ILO models, SDA and other housing options)
- Review of documentation related to eligibility for home and living supports (e.g. SDA, ILO etc), with a view to identify any gaps that may exist in the evidence
- Development of high quality documentation in relation to eligibility for funding of supports
- Collate evidence to present to the NDIA for determination of home and living supports, including SDA and surrounding supports (Assistive Technology, OOA etc)
- Support participants to submit evidence through NDIS processes and follow up where required to adhere to relevant timeframes
- Develop or review documentation and support people through the process of reviews and appeals where required
- Support participants to apply for, and fulfill tenancy obligations
- Provide support and advice to relevant stakeholders in relation to the development of evidence for NDIS participants relating to housing related funding. This can also include secondary consultation.

Administration

- High accountability to time and delivery of billable hours, in accordance with Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Adherence to database entry and requirements for recording information.

Subject Matter Expertise

- Maintaining current knowledge of legislation regarding NDIS
- Understanding of changes within NDIS that relate to home and living supports, including SDA, ILO and SIL eligibility, disability housing in general and other relevant information for clients. This also includes how to undertake reviews and appeals.
- Provision of up to date information on eligibility.

General

- Other duties as requested by direct Manager
- Participation in regular meetings as required
- Remain flexible to role changes according to relevant skills and experience, changing work environments, work priorities and organisational needs
- Employment subject to COVID19 Vaccination and National Criminal History check or NDIS Workers Screening Check



Qualifications, skills & experience

Qualifications

- Certificate or Diploma in Disability Studies or relevant work experience
- Degree in Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, or Mental Health Nursing (desirable)

Skills & experience

- Experience in working with people with high and complex needs
- Exceptional writing skills (essential)
- Knowledge of NDIS and legislation underpinning the NDIS (essential)
- Previous experience in Support Coordination roles (desired)
- Understanding of Specialist Disability Accommodation, Individualised Living Options and Supported Independent Living (desired)
- Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite and Google Drive
- Confident ability with building relationships with other team members
- Excellent verbal, written and presentation skills
- Organised and able to meet deadlines and KPIs
- Adaptable to changing environments.

Summer Foundation Principles

The Summer Foundation's principles include:

working as a team | We understand, respect and support the contributions and experience of our colleagues. We understand how our individual contribution fits, and we feel confident and empowered to make our best contribution. We embrace and value diversity in our workplace.

a healthy approach to communication | We come to discussions prepared and ready to contribute. The how, why and by who of decision making is known and understood. The right people are in the right conversations. Our conversations are healthy, respectful, robust at times and safe.

shared clarity and commitment to purpose | We all have a strong, shared understanding of our 'why'. Our 'Why' is central to our strategy, decision making and actions.

working authentically | Young people living in residential aged care or those at risk are central to our work and we purposefully and professionally incorporate this experience and expertise in our work. We focus closely on the impact of our work, and we strive to always deliver work to the highest standard.

a smart responsible and considered approach | We invest in efficient, continuously improving processes, and prioritise time for learning and reflection. We celebrate our successes and promote having fun at work. We work in a way that respects our environment.

Policies

All staff must comply with the Summer Foundation policies notified to them from time to time. These policies form part of the contract of employment with Summer Foundation and therefore must be read and understood by staff to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities as an employee of Summer Foundation.



Agreement and acceptance

Signed:

Employee

Dated

Signed:

Manager

Dated

