**Family Action WellFamily Champion Volunteer**

**New Opportunity**

Be part of a new service that is changing lives in your community. If you are interested in volunteering for this new service please reply to this advert with your email to Gainsboroughwellfamily@family-action.org.uk and we will send you a volunteer pack including a volunteer application form.

**What is the Gainsborough WellFamily service?**

Family Action transforms lives by providing practical, emotional and financial support to those who are experiencing poverty, disadvantage and social isolation. Our services are innovative and we take a holistic, strengths-based approach to working with families. We seek to empower everyone we work with, adding significant value to the lives of services users, to those who commission services and to those who create policy and influence change for the future.

We are a commissioned service by Lincolnshire county council in partnership with the West Clinical Commissioning Group, to look at delivering a service to:

* Improve the mental health and well-being of anyone over the age of 18
* Prevent family breakdown
* Improve the outcomes for children living with parents who have poor mental health e.g. difficulties in parenting skills, depression, anxiety or low aspiration
* Enable social and community integration
* Improve aspiration and self-help
* Reduction in GP attendance for non-medical conditions
* Improve recovery from episodes of ill-health or following injury

**Why we need you!**

We are looking for Volunteers to become part of this new and innovative service. You will provide emotional and listening support to new or existing individuals. This role will enhance the support provided by the WellFamily keyworker team and will empower our clients and their families to make positive changes in their lives. We are currently recruiting volunteers to support Gainsborough and its surrounding areas. A minimum of 3 hours per week is required from Monday to Friday over one day for certain periods throughout the year. We ask that volunteers offer their support to the Service for 1 year.

**What will I have to do?**

* Meet up with adults over 18+
* Build good knowledge of own community links and services
* Signpost to children’s centres services and other local organisations providing supportive networks and services for adults and their families
* Work alongside service staff to do group activities
* Encourage clients to build supportive networks and groups
* Provide information on the different types of support available
* Attend training and personal development activities
* Meet the team and share good practice including wider Family action volunteers and staff
* Feedback relevant information to promote service development

What’s in it for you?

* Develop skills
* Work as part of a team
* Have a positive impact on the development of the service and service users
* Experience working with a national charity who has been supporting families for over 150 years
* Be part of an innovative and emerging pilot project

Training and support you will receive

As a volunteer with Family Action, you will get:

* Access to our standard e-learning package, giving you a great basic introduction to topics such as Safeguarding and Equality and Diversity.
* Face-to-face training to ensure that you are fully equipped with the knowledge and skills needed for this role.
* Regular meetings with your supervisor to discuss any challenges you are facing, and celebrate your progress in the role.
* Ongoing support from your supervisor and the wider team.
* Full DBS check

**What next?**

The closing date for volunteer application forms is Friday 27th September 2019

Volunteer Interview’s take place 4th and 7th October

Volunteer Induction training is TBC

Ready to sign-up or need more information?

Reply to this volunteer vacancy advert with your email and we will send you a volunteer pack or for a informal discussion about this role please contact Alex Kirby 07976201201 or Caroline Holterman 07976201139. We will be happy to help!

Volunteer recruitment is subject to Family Action receiving an enhanced disclosure from the disclosure and barring service that we consider acceptable.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community and look forward to receiving your application to volunteer with us!