**Support Worker required in Ipswich, Suffolk**

**3 hours per week or 6 hours per fortnight**

**To be worked Sundays, with flexible shifts during school holidays**

**£12.21 per hour**

**Job reference: 5069**

**Job description**

*Although this job description is correct at present, it may change from time to time after negotiation with the post holder.*

*Must have the right to work in the UK to apply for this role, sponsorship not available.*

**Job purpose**

I’m looking for a Support Worker to help develop my daughter’s social skills so she can make friends more easily. The ideal applicant would have experience with children who have disabilities, communication and behavioural challenges. We have a family dog, other children in our household and adults who smoke, though only in the garden. However, you will support my daughter in the community so no support in the home is required.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities:**

* To assist my daughter while out in the community
* Support with community/exercise activities
* Help my daughter learn the value of money (e.g. about her allowance and teaching her to spend accordingly)
* Support my daughter to develop her social and communication skills

**Personal Specification**

*(refer to these when submitting your application)*

**Essential Criteria**

* Good communication
* Previous experience with challenging behaviour
* Previous experience with people who have autism spectrum disorder and learning disabilities
* Able to engage in lone working

**Desirable Criteria**

* Knowledge of Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)
* Health and social care NVQ or equivalent

**Summary terms and conditions**

* Hours, days and times of work:
  + 3 hours per week or 6 hours per fortnight to be worked on weekends, ideally on Sundays. During school holidays, this can be changed to mid-week.
* Pay rate: £12.21 per hour
* Mileage: Covered up to 45 per mile
* Annual leave: The annual holiday entitlement for this position will be equivalent to the work normally done during 5.6 weeks (statutory entitlement).
* Expenses: You will be reimbursed for prior agreed expenses incurred as part of the role.
* Sick pay: I do not operate a private sick pay scheme but provided you meet the eligibility criteria, you may be entitled to Statutory Sick Pay (SSP).
* Pension: I do not operate a private pension scheme but I will fulfil my statutory obligations via the [NEST](https://www.nestpensions.org.uk/schemeweb/nest/about-pensions.html) pension scheme.

**The post is subject to the following**

* Background check: A satisfactory Enhanced with Barred List Disclosure and Barring Service check is required for this position.
  + *If you have been convicted of a criminal offence, please send these details to SIL in a separate email or in a sealed envelope together with a stamped addressed envelope. This will not be shared unless you are shortlisted for the post.*
* References: If successful, you will be required to provide details of two referees, one of which must be your current or most recent employer, or character references if you have not been employed
* Trial period: This post is subject to a probationary period of 3 months.

**How to apply**

If you wish to apply for this position, please complete an **application form** and return it to SIL, quoting the job reference number **5069**.

**Please refer to the job description.**

**Online form**: <https://www.suffolkindependentliving.org.uk/application-form-1>

**Email**: [suffolk@silmail.org](mailto:suffolk@silmail.org) **Telephone**: 01473 603876

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