

This Role Description outlines the details and requirements of the role.

Volunteer role	Peer Support Volunteer										
Days and hours required	Flexible, generally during regular business hours										
Start date & end date (if applicable)	From 18 October 2017										
Location	Seeking Peer Support Volunteers to operate across 10 regions: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">North Metro</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Adelaide Hills</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Metro</td> <td>Barossa, Light & Lower Nth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eyre & Western</td> <td>Far North</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fleurieu & Kangaroo Is.</td> <td>Limestone Coast</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Murray & Mallee</td> <td>Yorke & Mid-North</td> </tr> </table>	North Metro	Adelaide Hills	South Metro	Barossa, Light & Lower Nth	Eyre & Western	Far North	Fleurieu & Kangaroo Is.	Limestone Coast	Murray & Mallee	Yorke & Mid-North
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Reporting to	Volunteer Coordinator										
Purpose of role	<p>The Peer Support Volunteer is someone who can share their own personal experience with other foster and kinship carers (Carers), helping them to connect with others and feel less isolated.</p> <p>The Peer Support Volunteer may offer a 'listening ear' and help Carers to debrief, gather information, join in with other Carers or community events, and explore various aspects of caring for vulnerable children and young people.</p>										
Key responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Carers in local area • Respond to calls in a timely manner • Communicate respectfully with all people regardless of background • Collaborate with other Peer Support Volunteers • Notify the Volunteer Coordinator of any incidents or concerns • Maintain appropriate records • Ensure confidentiality • Be responsible for the health and safety of yourself and others 										
Prerequisites	Personal experience as a foster and/or kinship carer for 3 years or more										

Skills, experience and attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be responsive to the support needs of foster and kinship carers • Have exceptional listening skills • Behave in a non-judgmental, open-minded and empathic manner towards all members of Carer families, Case Workers and Support Workers • Ability to successfully interact with DCP, foster care agencies and/or kinship care teams • Assist Carers to develop their own coping strategies • Understanding of local community and available support services • Capacity to work with a Volunteer Coordinator and other Peer Support Volunteers to deliver the PSN Project • Understanding of conduct, confidentiality, privacy and WHS requirements
Training requirements	<p>Be available for induction and orientation training in Adelaide on 18 & 19 October 2017</p> <p>Attend further training as required</p>
Volunteer benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist Carers in local region through provision of peer support • Be involved with CFC-SA • Improve your communication and teamwork skills • Gain a deeper understanding of Carers' issues and improve their experience in the child protection system • Help Carer families to navigate their way through difficult and challenging situations
Other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Police Check • Current DCSI Child-related Employment screening • Child Safe Environments (Mandatory Notification) Certificate • Be an Australian Citizen or hold a Permanent Resident Visa • Access to phone, email and internet

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CFC-SA aims to improve the lives of children and young people in care through provision of services addressing the key themes: **ADVOCATE · SUPPORT · CONNECT · INFORM**

Peer Support Network project

The objective of this project is to provide an opportunity for Carers to connect with a trained Peer Support Volunteer who has had experience as a foster and/or kinship carer and can relate to the challenges, issues and successes that Carers face.

If you are interested in this role or would like more information, please contact:

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