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Position title:	Carer Support Planner
Classification:	Social, Community, Home Care & Disability Services (SCHADS) Award Level 4
Line Manager:	Team Leader Carer Support Planning
Program / Team:	Carer Support Planning

Position Overview

The Carer Support Planner is responsible for using a strength-based approach in assessing carers needs, supporting them through a registration and assessment process and then coordinating and connecting them to required services in line with the requirements of service delivery guidelines.

The Carer Support Planner will use a 'resolution at first point of contact philosophy' and with knowledge of services and service providers, they connect carers to internal services, partners, external agencies and on-line supports in the most effective and efficient manner. In addition, this role may be requested to support the Triage team where required.

Key Relationships / Interactions

The Carer Support Planner has strong working relationships with the Team Leader Carer Support Planning, Executive Manager Partnerships & Operations, Program Manager Carer Assessment and Support Planning, Team Leaders, Carer Services teams, and the Service Coordination team.

This position also requires positive working relationships with unpaid carers, service providers, other government service systems and consortia partners.

Statement of Commitment

Carers SA believes that all vulnerable adults, children and young people, have the right to be safe, feel safe, and recognises that safety is everyone's responsibility. We have zero tolerance of harm or risk of harm to children and young people and are committed to the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

Carers SA is committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; the cultural safety of people from culturally and/or linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds; and to providing a safe, accessible, and inclusive environment for vulnerable adults, children and young people, including people with disability.



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Key Responsibilities

Carer Assessments:

- Use strength based and person-centred approaches for the completion of carer intake, registration, assessment and review primarily via the telephone in a non-intrusive manner using a conversational style and Carers SA's nominated assessment tools and systems
- Ensuring accuracy in carer intake registration details whilst maintaining confidentiality
- Use the recognised assessment tools for Carer assessment and review
- Prioritise carers into the right services at the right time based on the carer's needs and guided by the Carers action plan and outcomes
- Write clear and concise case notes, goal and action orientated plans mapped against outcomes

Carer Support & Advocacy:

- Aid carers to access appropriate supports including information, referral to other services, referral to online service, and streamlined access to Carer Gateway Services delivered by Carers SA and consortia members and as detailed in the service guidelines and Carers SA's policies and procedures.
- Organise carer supports, as required, based on situation and carer needs, including informal individual and systems advocacy.
- Be proactive and responsive to Carers Needs, recognising and adjusting responses to meet the Carer where they are at regarding the appropriate level of support they require.
- Ensure carer follow-ups and reviews are conducted in a streamlined and efficient manner.

Collaboration

- Work with carers as partners, focusing on individual strengths with the aim to enhance positive outcomes
- As required, liaise with carers and negotiate with service providers to put supports in place for high complex need situations
- Work with the Service Coordination team to ensure appropriate supports are put in place in a timely manner, including connection to Consortia Partners
- Flexible in approach and able to fulfil role in other identified locations when required. E.g. Work from Medicare Mental Health location for a day a month
- Support community engagement activities in line with identified key performance indicators.

Knowledge

- Develop and use knowledge of services and supports offered informally and formally within the community to aid carers in accessing appropriate supports and information to address their needs
- Develop, understand and use knowledge of the challenges/stresses facing carers to provide emotional support using a strength-based approach



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Triage Support

- Provide backup to the Triage team by responding to enquiries from multiple sources including telephone, email, web chat, marketing promotions and internal transfers
- Provide information and advice on carer services, connect carers with external organisations and prioritise carers into the intake process

Extended Hours (if rostered)

- Ability to work flexibly /as part of a roster across Extended business hours 8am – 8pm.
- Nominal hours 8am – 9am, 5pm – 8pm Monday – Friday
- Duties during extended hours to comprise of:
 - o Completion of carer intake, registration, assessment and reviews.
 - o Providing support to the Triage team by responding to enquiries from multiple sources including telephone, email, web chat, provider referrals, triage tasks, email bounce backs and provide information and advice on carer services, connect carers with external organisations and prioritise carers into the intake process.
- Duties during extended hours should not be considered definitive and are only descriptive of the type of duties to be undertaken during extended hours. Duties are subject to change through consultation and are reviewed annually alongside staff performance.

Time Management

- Utilise time management skills to achieve the key performance indicators (KPI's) of the role as determined by Carers SA's leadership team.

Children & Young People

- Support Carers SA as a child safe organisation by undertaking screening for suitability to work with children, young people, and vulnerable adults and to comply with relevant legislative requirements;
- Show a commitment to National Child Safety Principles and Carers SA Code of Conduct

Work, Health & Safety

- Take reasonable care for the health and safety of yourself and others
- Adopt work practices that support Carers SA's WHS management system and approach

Policy & Procedure

- Carry out your position and responsibilities in line with Carers SA values, Code of Conduct, policies, procedures and processes

Performance Review & Development Plan Process

- Actively participate in the annual performance review and development plan process.



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Requirements for Level 4.4 Progression

- To progress to level 4.4, employees must demonstrate:
 - o Specialist expertise and advisory capabilities in a particular focus area as determined by Management
 - o Sound knowledge of services, service providers, programs, policies, and operational procedures across multiple work areas.
 - o Ability to perform specialized duties that require developed expertise
 - o Capability to work independently in areas without established procedures
 - o Strong decision-making skills and ability to develop new work methods
 - o Proficiency in providing complex administrative support
 - o Leadership and coordination of specialised projects
 - o Ability to provide technical information and research services
 - o Strong mentoring skills and ability to build capacity among peers and partner organisations

Additional Position Requirements

Carer Support Planners may be asked to support other teams in instances of leave and high demand.

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Some local travel may be required to attend staff training, sector updates and to promote Carers SA at key events, such as but not limited to Carers Week events, expos etc.

Position Criteria – Competencies and Relevant Experience

- Relevant experience in a telephone counselling role (preferred), or relevant experience in the Community Services sector
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure, make clear and quick decisions and work with clients in distress
- Demonstrated commitment to teamwork and the maintenance of a supportive work environment
- Highly developed verbal communication skills and the ability to establish rapport with a diverse range of people
- Strong organisational skills, including effective time management and the ability to manage competing demands
- Demonstrated experience and strong proficiency in using databases, CRM systems, and other relevant technology platforms to support organisational operations effectively
- Prior experience of working with carers and/or working within an information provision service (*desirable*)



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- Knowledge of services and supports offered formally and informally within the Community Services sector (*desirable*)
- Demonstrated ability to apply a person centred or strength-based approach and a consumer directed model of service provision (*desirable*)
- Experience in working with and responding to client's individual needs which may include advocacy (*desirable*)

Education / Certifications

- A tertiary qualification in one of the Social or Community Services or demonstrated relevant experience in a telephone counselling role or in the Community Services sector
- Current DHS Working with Children check
- National Police Check
- Current mandatory child protection training will be required

