

Parent Champion Volunteer Role Profile

Role title: Parent Champion

Position type: Volunteer

Location: London Borough of Croydon

Hours: Minimum of 2 hours per week for 6 months to fit around commitments

Home-Start offers parents the support they need to help give their children the best start in life. As a Parent Champion Volunteer you will be engaging with families from your own community, providing peer to peer support and promoting services for children under 5 and their families. By connecting with other parents and carers, Parent Champions will help communities thrive, breaking barriers and reducing isolation.

Key activities

- ❖ Engage with parents with children under 5 years old
- ❖ Build good knowledge of own community and links with local families
- ❖ Signpost parents to children's centres and local organisations providing services for families
- ❖ Talk with parents in groups
- ❖ Facilitate parents to build peer to peer support groups
- ❖ Provide information on the different types of childcare including the free early learning for two year olds
- ❖ Record accurate information manually
- ❖ Attend training and personal development activities
- ❖ Meet the Parent Champion Coordinator and other Parent Champions to share good practice

Person Specification

- ❖ Have experience of being a parent or carer
 - ❖ Ability to talk to other parents and understand their world
 - ❖ Have a non-judgemental attitude
 - ❖ Have an understanding of the difficulties parents face when looking for childcare
 - ❖ Have a positive experience of using formal childcare and family services
 - ❖ Have an understanding about confidentiality.
 - ❖ Have an awareness on the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults
 - ❖ Have knowledge of and commitment to equal opportunities, fairness and diversity
 - ❖ Be able to keep basic records as requested by Home-Start
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Applying for this role profile

Once you have thoroughly read this Role Profile, please fill the application form and send via email to **Marie-Louise Fuentes (Parent Champion Coordinator)**:

louisef@croydon-homestart.co.uk Or by post to:

Home-Start Croydon, 1- 8 Ramsey Court, 122 Church Street, Croydon, CR0 1RF

The successful applicants will be contacted and invited to attend a short training course provided by Croydon Home-Start and The Family and Childcare Trust. *An enhanced DBS check is compulsory and will be undertaken before you start.*

Home-Start Croydon is committed to safe recruitment practice as an important part of safeguarding and protecting children and vulnerable adults