



Positions Vacant Playgroup Field Team

Thank you for your interest in becoming on of our Playgroup Field Teams. We are currently searching for Field Teams ; a partnership made up of a Playgroup Leader and Playgroup Support Worker. These roles work together to deliver a free play-based supported playgroup for children in some of the more geographically isolated places in the world. Due to the nature of this role, teams are invited to apply together.

KICS is a remote mobile Playgroup and Parent information service that operates in the NT, in the Big Rivers and Barkly region. Our Field Teams provide educational, play-based playgroups for socially and geographically isolated children in Indigenous communities, cattle stations, small townships and at community events.

With a focus on children aged birth to 5, our playgroups encourage free play and exploration to support child development and early literacy and numeracy. While our focus is on 0-5 years, depending on location and the needs of the community, older children aged to 12 can attend playgroup. In addition to playgroups, we provide parents with information, resources and support regarding the education and development of their children.

The families we work with are beyond the reach of most mainstream services. As such, this position is not a traditional teaching or Early Childhood role. We operate as a mobile service that adapts to meet the needs of our clients in a culturally appropriate way. As such the both the Playgroup Leader and Support Work need to be flexible, innovative and eager for a challenging and rewarding experience.

We are a traveling service, delivering on average 4 playgroups a week in different location. Using our custom built caravan, field team transport that material required for playgroup, along with personal belongs and stay on the road during the week.

The position involves extensive driving on rough dirt roads to some of the most remote areas of the NT while towing a large caravan or camper. Driving skills and caravanning experience is essential, although this will be supplemented with professional development at the start of your contract.

The hours worked will vary, based on the locations of playgroups and the needs to the playgroup. Our staff operate on a time-in-lieu basis for additional hours worked beyond a normal working week; time-in-lieu accrued may be used during the year in negotiation with the Program Coordinator.

Remuneration package includes a base salary starting at \$55000 per annum, with a camping out allowance of \$113 per night, for every night away from Katherine. There is the possibility of accommodation assistance depending on the candidate.

The position of a KICS Field Team is an exceptionally rewarding and satisfying opportunity that offers unforgettable experiences and a unique lifestyle. It offers a rare opportunity to visit some of the most remote and beautiful parts of the country.

The commencement date for the positions are March 2025.

If you have what it takes, then send your application to coordinator@kics.org.au or PO Box 1601 Katherine NT 0851

Field Team 1 & Field Team 2
Full time & Fixed Term contract
Selection Criteria

Essential

- Early Childhood qualification and/or relevant experience working with young children (Playgroup Leader);
- NT 'C' class driver's licence (both team members);
- An existing 'Ochre Card' and 'National Police Check' or application in process (both team members).
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with children and adults;
- Demonstrated ability to interact with people of diverse cultures;
- Demonstrated ability and experience of driving and working in remote regions;
- Basic mechanical skills and knowledge.
- Double Covid-19 vaccinations

Highly Desirable

- Demonstrated decision making abilities of a high order including the ability to work both independently and as a team member;
- Demonstrated ability to exercise initiative and be flexible in ever changing work situations;
- Demonstrated experience driving with a trailer;
- Demonstrated ability to live/camp in remote locations;
- Demonstrated off road driving experience.
- LR or MR driver's licence

Desirable

- Demonstrated ability to work and communicate with a range of people including station workers, Indigenous people, Government and non-government employees;
- Senior First Aid Certificate (both team members);
- Moderate level of computer abilities/aptitude;
- Experience conducting presentations to various groups.

Please note Selection Criteria are required as a team not individually (unless otherwise stated).

Applicants to write one cover letter with your full names, postal addresses and telephone numbers responding to the Selection Criteria. Please also both attach a current CV with 2 referees each.