



Velos Youth Psychologist Job Description

Status: Full time, one year with a possibility of extension

Salary: €18,900 Gross

Location: Athens

Starting Date: As soon as possible, from November 8th

Application Deadline: 05/11/2021

Velos Youth supports displaced children and youth aged 16 to 21 years old to restart and rebuild their lives. This is achieved through the provision of a safe space that offers basic services, and houses a team of professionals who facilitate access to state-run services, protecting and advocating for this vulnerable group's rights. Through a holistic approach, we support young people to restart and rebuild their lives where they are, or safely and legally reach an alternative destination that is in their better interests.

Read more on <https://www.velosyouth.org/>

Position summary

Velos Youth is looking for a professional psychologist to help meet the complex mental health needs of young people. The psychologist will be licenced to practice in Greece and will have a Bachelor's degree and either a Masters degree (counseling or clinical psychology) or a certificate of training on a psychotherapeutic orientation, for example cognitive behavioral, systemic or Gestalt.

The psychologist will be able to conduct clinical interviews and assess the mental health needs of the young people. A range of psychotherapeutic approaches are appropriate to the context, and the successful candidate will have the freedom to provide the therapeutic approach they find best-fit and are trained in. The psychotherapeutic approach(es) chosen will be evidence based, including but not exclusive to, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Systemic therapy, Mindfulness based CBT and Gestalt.

The Psychologist will be part of a multi-disciplinary casework team, and will therefore make referrals within the organisation, to external partner organisations and to public services where appropriate. Services will be delivered in-house, with the aid of a cultural mediator. The successful candidate will therefore have meaningful experience of working in partnership with cultural mediators to deliver mental health services.

Responsibilities

- To complete clinical assessments and devise psychological care plans for the young people supported by Velos Youth
- To provide a comprehensive package of psychological care services to beneficiaries, in 1:1 and group settings
- To work closely with cultural mediators to deliver these services
- To make timely referrals both internally and externally, based on the identified needs of the child or young person
- To contribute to weekly casework meetings, share insight and knowledge about the young person's life circumstances and needs; ensuring that young people are receiving holistic care from the organisation team of professionals and services, and from its partners
- Filling and registering all cases and actions on the organisations online case management system (Lamplight Online Database), using pre-agreed progress metrics
- To attend monthly team supervision meetings, delivered by the team's external psychologist and supervisor, and contribute to the ongoing team building activities
- To deliver information sessions and trainings to the Velos Youth team, if needs arise or opportunities are identified

Required qualifications and skills

- University Degree in Psychology
- Masters degree (counseling or clinical psychology) or a certificate of training on a psychotherapeutic orientation
- A ministerial licence to practice psychology
- 2 year's professional experience of delivering 1:1 psychological intervention, including at least one year supporting displaced people
- Familiar with refugee and migration issues (including asylum processes, bureaucratic processes, and family reunification)
- Understanding and willingness to promote gender equality and understand the different vulnerabilities, needs and capacities of men, women, boys and girls.
- Understanding of psychological needs and issues for survivors of gender-based violence
- Computer literacy & numeracy sufficient for the demands of online casework
- Strong organisational skills and ability to handle a large volume of cases
- Good interpersonal & communications skills, and ability to work well within a culturally diverse team
- Fluent written and spoken Greek
- Fluent written and spoken English

Desired

- Experience working for NGOs, delivering psychological services in day centres, camps or as part of mobile units
- Participation in refugee focused studies or trainings
- Experience of using online case-management systems and software

We encourage applications from under-represented groups, particularly (but not limited to) those from marginalised communities, those who identify as LGBTQI+, people with disabilities or those who have shared lived-experience with the young people we support. This is inline with our commitment to diversity and to represent the many communities and nationalities we work with.

To apply please send your CV and a motivation letter to **info@velosyouth.org** by Friday 5th November mentioning in the email subject: Application for Psychologist Position.

Please note that due to the urgency of recruitment, Velos Youth will complete the recruitment process as soon as the suitable candidate has been identified. This may be before the application deadline.