

## Early Years Coordinator – Alice Springs



- **Join a growing not-for-profit organisation**
- **\$96,357.19 + 10% super, generous salary packaging benefits**
- **Full time 12-month contract with possible extension**
- **Relocation support available for interstate candidates**

### About Us

Children's Ground is working to create an environment where families realise their aspirations for the next generation of children to be free from trauma and suffering, enjoy equity and safety, be able to grow into adulthood happy and healthy, and have agency over their social, cultural, political and economic life. To learn more about Children's Ground and the work we do, visit our website: <https://www.childrenground.org.au>

### About the Job

This is an exciting opportunity for a dynamic, creative educationalist with experience in early learning to take a leadership role in a community development early years learning environment and be part of the leadership of Children's Ground Learning and Wellbeing approach. You will be part of a bold independent not-for-profit organisation that is creating a different future for children, families and communities experiencing the greatest levels of disadvantage and inequity in Australia. This is a leadership position, helping to guide our unique early years learning environment which privileges First Culture, intergenerational and on-country learning and which supports the social and community wellbeing of children and their families.

Children's Ground is Australian designed with First Nations people. It is a whole of community, whole of life approach. Children's Ground works with a community over the course of a generation, led by local expertise, vision and intelligence. Together, we create and deliver an integrated system that is centred on learning, development and wellbeing and responds to the child and their family through key transition points from pre-birth to young adulthood. Our approach recognises the cultural, social and economic strength of communities and builds on this to equip children for opportunities locally, nationally and globally.

Our experienced Arrernte staff is developing and implementing an Arrernte learning platform. The role works alongside Arrernte educationalists and will form part of a leadership team responsible for



the design and implementation of innovative integrated approaches to learning and wellbeing that will lead educational approaches in the 21st century and beyond. We want the incumbent to re-imagine primary and early years learning, privileging First Culture and including the best of Western teachings.

We are working in five geographic locations across the Central Australian region, with a shared central office based in Alice Springs. This position will work in the centre, outstations, communities and 'on country'.

### **What does a typical day at Children's Ground look like for an educator?**

Our educators work with a community of First Nations educators, families and children to assist in fulfilling their visions and wishes for their community and their children.

Every community is set up a little bit differently, but generally our educators come into our central location each day. From there, they will prepare for a day of learning out on country, or a day at a learning location based in community or at town camps. A day will involve preparing materials, packing vehicles, coordinating pickups, driving, setting up the learning environment, discussing community development with families, managing learning and health data entry, and observing and recording learning and development which includes considering individual learning plans.

It is active and interesting; we are often travelling to different locations in the areas surrounding Mparntwe (Alice Springs), learning when to sit back, when to lead and when to guide and support, but most of all enjoying the commitment to First Nations led education, where first language and culture are prioritised.

### **About You**

We are seeking experienced teachers who are dynamic, passionate and innovative to join our team. You will have a demonstrated understanding of and commitment to the rights and interests of First Nations people.

### **We invite you to walk with us on this unique journey...**

Please apply via Seek and upload your current resume and 2-page pitch.

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/56150811>

Your pitch should tell us more about who you are, what you are passionate about, what interests you about the role and why you may be a good fit for Children's Ground and this position, along with your current resume.

Selection criteria in the position description will guide how to frame your pitch and will provide some idea about the content of an interview.

Applications **close on Friday, 25 March 2022 at 9am CDT (10.30am AEST).**

***In line with our workforce development strategy, Children's Ground strongly encourages and supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants to apply.***