

Health at work in the community

Gateway Family Services CIC

Gateway Family Services CIC is a **Community Interest Company** and a new kind of health business. It believes in putting health to work in local communities in order to address inequalities and deliver employment opportunities.

Gateway Family Services works with organisations in health, social care and early years services that want to improve their local service delivery and increase local community representation in the workforce.

By recruiting, training and accrediting people from disadvantaged communities to take up local employment opportunities, GFS delivers health benefits as well as creating social and economic opportunities.

GFS's core business includes:

Training Programmes

GFS develops and delivers accredited courses as part of a designed career pathway into jobs within the Health, Care and Children's Services sector a skills-escalator model.

Course participants are recruited from local communities and are mentored and supported throughout the duration of their training and early employment.

Employment Support

Pre- and post-employment support is vital to ensure that people can overcome their barriers to training and employment. This helps people use their valuable experience to deliver better community services.

Community Health

Increasing Male Life Expectancy: The Healthy Heart Service - this programme raises awareness of heart health in order to reduce the risk of Coronary Heart Disease. Healthy Heart Workers motivate and support individuals and groups to make small-step lifestyle changes focused on smoking cessation, physical activity and healthy eating. The service is currently targeted at men aged 40 years and over.

Reducing Infant Mortality: The Pregnancy Outreach Workers Service - this programme supports pregnant women to address smoking in pregnancy, poor health and wellbeing, domestic abuse, mental health, housing issues, and late booking. The programme has a strong focus on women from low-income backgrounds, those living in areas of high social deprivation, black and minority ethnic groups and the needs of pregnant asylum seekers.

Outreach Workers from these programmes are committed to working with communities to identify their needs, ensuring services are culturally appropriate and accessible.

For course enquiries call 0121 772 8525



Facts at a glance

Annual turnover:

£1.4million

Staff:

81 members of staff

Mission:

We aim to make a difference to the experience and outcomes for those people whose relationship with health and social care services is consistently poor. We will raise the expectation that people have of the services that they need.

Achievements:

- Received Matrix
- Accreditation Oct 2007
- City & Guilds Approved Centre
- NOCN Centre of Approval

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