



## ***Family Access Network***

### ***Live-in youth mentor***

Family Access Network are a community-based organisation funded to provide accommodation and support services to young people aged 16-25. We are currently seeking to engage live-in youth mentor for our Chadstone and Balwyn properties through our Lead Tenant Program. A live in youth mentor are volunteers who live with young people in a shared property and are closely supported by Family Access Network through induction processes, regular training, supervision and house meetings. Live-in youth mentors work to create a safe, stable and supportive living environment for young people and act as a positive role model within the household.

#### ***Role of the live in youth mentor:***

- Shares a household with 3 young people and provide positive role modelling to assist them in developing positive relationships with families, peers and the wider community
- Be a positive adult role model in the context of everyday social activities and through engaging in education or employment
- Establishing and maintaining appropriate boundaries and rapport with young people
- Assist young people in household with the development of life and living skills with such as cooking, budgeting and household maintenance
- Providing a settled environment reinforcing pro-social behaviours and achievements through praise and encouragement

#### ***Responsibilities:***

1. To participate in house meetings which are convened by FAN workers and liaise with Family Access Network staff on a regular basis on issues affecting the young people
2. To develop a supportive relationship with young people showing respect for and understanding of individual needs.
3. Provide positive role modelling to young people including actions, language and behaviour
4. Recognise that young people residing in the property have the same rights under the Residential Tenancy Act as they would have in a private rental situation. This includes showing respect for privacy.
5. To adhere to Family Access Network's program boundaries and guidelines.

6. To act as Mentor for young people and encourage new experiences and opportunities and to be a link to the wider community.
7. To be accountable to the Volunteer Program worker and participate in a minimum monthly supervision

***Why be a live-in youth mentor?***

- Currently studying or interesting in pursuing a career working with young people and this volunteering opportunity will provide the chance to develop practical skills in this area
- Have a genuine interest in supporting young people who may have challenging and complex issues
- Live-in mentors ***will not be charged rent*** but will pay utilities at \$30 per week
- Giving back to the community in a supportive environment where training and consistent support is provided
- You will join a team of passionate and dynamic people making a difference in young people's lives

***Favourable Skills:***

1. Some experience and a genuine interest in the well-being of young people and social justice commitment
2. Strong communication and interpersonal skills
3. Enthusiasm and has a flexible approach in your ability to build rapport with young people
4. Able to commit to developing an appropriate relationship with young people
5. Be able to resolve minor in-house disputes
6. Ideally to be over the age of 24
7. Chadstone property specifically looking for a youth mentor who are part of the LGBTIQ+ community.

***Requirements:***

1. Minimum twelve-month commitment is required including trial a two-month probationary period where either party can give one months' notice if not suitable
2. Acceptance as a live in youth mentor is determined by successful completion of all components of the volunteer screening process
3. Valid and current Victorian Working with Children Card
4. Satisfactory criminal history check conducted by Family Access Network

5. All volunteers are required to undergo Volunteer Induction Training and to attend regular meetings
6. Sign a residential tenancy agreement
7. Sign and actively abide by Family Access Network Code of Conduct
8. Observe and fulfil health and safety responsibilities
9. Up to date full Vaccination against COVID-19 or have a valid exemption

*Family Access Network is committed to providing a child safe environment and works to support young people from diverse backgrounds and does not discriminate based on sexual orientation, religion, gender identity, age, and ability. It is therefore expected that all lead tenants will adhere to our stance of inclusion and be respectful of all young people.*