

Recruitment and Selection Procedure:

POLICY STATEMENT:

The success of Grays Point Activity Centre (GPAC) relies on its ability to attract and retain the best staff and volunteers available. Recruitment methods must be fair, efficient, and effective.

The Staff Recruitment Policy has been established to ensure GPAC has the opportunity to attract the best available staff and volunteers for all vacant positions. This Policy relates to employment of all staff and volunteers other than Committee members.

PROCEDURES:

GPAC is committed to providing a high-quality program and Service to our community, to support the achievement of this objective we recognise the importance of employing the most suitable applicant for all vacant positions. This Service is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing a work environment that is free from harassment and discrimination. The Service will ensure it has the best opportunity to attract the best available staff by broadly advertising all vacant remunerated positions and volunteer vacancies. The Service will also internally advertise all vacant positions to current staff and volunteers to encourage career advancement and increase participation. GPAC will take all appropriate precautions to ensure that applicants may be safely entrusted with the duties of their position.

All Recruitment and Selection Procedures and decisions will reflect the Service's commitment to providing equal opportunity by assessing all potential candidates according to their skills, knowledge, qualifications and capabilities. No regard will be given to factors such as Age, Gender, Marital Status, Race, Religion, Physical Impairment or Political Opinions.

Who is responsible for starting the process and what happens?

It is the responsibility of the Centre Manager to identify the need for a new position or replacement position. To assist with identifying the need for recruitment the following can be used as a guide:

1. Assess the mean average number of children attending the Centre for the last 12 months.
2. Where possible estimate the average number of children that will be attending the Centre for the next 6 months.
3. This figure will serve as a guide to identify the core number of permanently employed staff required to support the base number of children attending the Service. For example, if the average number of children attending is 45 per day, and we aim for staff/child ratio of 1 staff for every 15 children then the core number of hands on staff required every day will be 3 permanent employees.
4. Further staff may be employed but on a casual/contract basis to assist with overall fluctuations in attendance, plus support needs of some children.

Within the Organisational Structure of the Centre there are certain roles that are required for the Centre to be operational.



1. Educational Leader
2. Team Leader
3. Centre Manager
4. A minimum of 3 permanent part-time certified supervisor staff that can contribute effectively to the programming and overall operations of the Centre.

Once the need has been identified for recruitment, the Centre Manager should discuss the hiring requirements with the Committee or their delegate. When approved, any relevant documentation should then be sent to the Committee with a **Position Description**, and a draft advertisement. The advertisement must outline skills, attributes and qualifications required for the role. GPAC's Management Committee or delegate is to recommend in consultation where possible with the Centre Manager on where to run the advertisement/s. Internal and external advertising may run in parallel. All **applications** are received by the Centre Manager, where they are logged and then forwarded to the Committee or their delegate.

Interview Process

The Centre Manager reviews the applications and selects candidates for interview in line with the skills and selection criteria set out in the Position Description and adhering to GPAC's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

The Centre Manager will arrange the **interview panel** which would consist of the Centre Manager and Team Leader and wherever possible a Committee Member. If a Committee Member is not available, then a member of the Service may be used where there is not a conflict of interest in the person being interviewed.

Child/Family Centred Approach Values: At all times it is imperative that applicants be suitable to work with the range of children and families that attend the Service. Therefore, it is necessary to ensure that candidates be passionate, caring and understanding of the children that are vulnerable attending the Centre, and to have the capacity to build rapport with the families of those children.

Child Safe Standards: All new starters at GPAC will be provided information on Child Safe Practices. GPAC will ensure our recruitment and screening processes play a vital role in protecting children from harm.

Operational Values: As GPAC has a small number of hands-on staff managing a large number of children, it is important for staff to build trust and communicate effectively under a wide range of conditions. Candidates need to be assessed on their ability to meet these demands.



Interviews are scheduled by the Centre Manager and held within a timely period, usually within two weeks of application closing date. At the time of inviting applicants to attend an interview, they should be requested to bring their Driver's Licence or the equivalent to 100 points identification, a current Working with Children Check, along with originals or certified copies of qualifications. The Centre Manager will inform unsuccessful applicants by telephone or email within seven days of being interviewed.

Checks to be completed before a candidate can be offered a position:

The shortlisted candidates are **reference checked** by the Centre Manager, and if necessary, organises second interviews. Reference checks are based around the skills, knowledge and personal attributes required to do that job. The person conducting the check needs to confirm that information supplied in the written Application and interview is correct. Questions of a personal nature should be avoided. If two references are not currently available for reference checks or the checks are inconclusive, the Centre Manager will obtain further referees from the applicant.

Internal candidates may also be reference checked preferably with either other employers, GPAC Leaders or personal referees with relevant questions designed to probe their suitability for the new position. Also reflection on their appraisals and professional development. These references should be documented and placed on their file.

The Centre Manager is required to decide, with all the information collected during the interview process, whether the applicant can adequately perform the requirements of the job.

A trial can then be organised if necessary.

Offer of Employment:

The Centre Manager will contact the applicant/s to verbally offer the position and to arrange a date of commencement. A position may be offered whilst the **Working With Children Check and Police checks** are being processed. Continuing employment is conditional upon satisfactory WWCC and Police Checks being obtained.

The Centre Manager will complete and file the following on the successful Applicant's files:

- Completed Employment Details
- CV of successful candidate
- Copies of Qualifications
- Interview notes
- Signed WWCC and Police Check Forms
- Signed copies of sighted original ID (100 points)
- 2 Reference Checks



The Centre Manager will create two copies of the **Employment Agreement**, which will include **any specific terms such as Fixed Term Contract dates, the Status of the Employment being either Permanent Work or Casual in nature, or details of a Traineeship**. These are then forwarded to the Management Committee or their delegate for approval.

Initial Remuneration Rate

The Centre Manager will recommend to the Management Committee or their appointed delegate a suitable Award Rate commensurate with the successful applicant's level of skills and experience, and with regard to the position offered. Should the new starter be successful with their probationary period, and complete 12 months continued employment an appraisal will be completed, at which stage the employee may be eligible for an incremental increase in their rate of pay providing key competencies are met.

What does the New Starter have to do?

The new starter must complete and return ALL documentation to the Centre Manager or Team Leader within one week of receipt to avoid delays in payroll processing.

What happens if the paperwork is not received?

The Centre Manager is required to follow up with the new starter for any outstanding paperwork. Should the information not be received on time or not ALL the documentation has been returned, employment cannot continue.

Starting Employment with Grays Point Activity Centre:

On receipt of all the paperwork, the GPAC Payroll Manager will forward the new employee's relevant information to payroll and the new starter will commence. The Centre Manager retains the master personnel file for all employees including all payroll documentation. Orientation and other mandatory training must be completed within three months of commencement and forms part of the probationary conditions.

What happens to an Unsuccessful Applicant's Paperwork:

All personal paperwork received from or generated by an unsuccessful applicant will be retained for twelve months. After such time, these files will be disposed of. The retention of the files enables the Centre Manager to contact the person again, should another suitable position become available. It also allows, in the event that a selection decision is questioned, for the objectivity of the selection process to be proven. An applicant can request to have their Resume returned to them. However, a copy should be retained.

Probationary requirements:

All permanent positions will have a 6 month probationary period.



At any time either the employee or the Service can discontinue employment within this period without show of cause.

Refer to individual Employment Agreements notice periods and pay in lieu.

If the situation occurs whereby the Centre Manager recommends the discontinuation of employment, it is recommended that the Centre Manager have sufficient recorded documentation to support the termination of the probationary period. This documentation needs to be available at the request of the Management Committee or their delegate.

How are Change of Roles Processed?

It is the Centre Managers responsibility to inform the Management Committee of changes concerning an employee's position, status, classification, transfer or role change.

The Centre Manager must communicate the following for approval including:

- Full name
- Position
- Work status
- Award pay point
- Salary (\$)
- Grading / Year
- Date of commencement or change and end date if fixed term contract
- Reason for the proposed change

Can there be any Exceptions to these Procedures?

Any exceptions to these Procedures need to be approved by the Management Committee.

See separate Recruitment Workflow

See "Employees and recruiting" in the Client Protection Policy

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