

JOB ROLE YOUTH WORKER

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- Projected change of +6.04%
- From 96,486 in 2025 to 102,315 in 2030

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- Trauma Care
- Child Protection
- Case Management
- Life Skills Development
- Conflict Resolution

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Communication
- Advocacy
- Resilience
- Relationship Building
- Leadership

DIGITAL SKILLS

- Case Management Software
- Microsoft 365 App Suite
- Video Conferencing Tools

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Arts & Recreation Services
- Education & Training

TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYERS WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- Baptist Care (SA)
- Department for Child Protection
- Aboriginal Family Support Services
- Uniting SA
- The Salvation Army

LOOK FOR JOBS BEING ADVERTISED USING THESE JOB TITLES:

- Child & Youth Worker
- Youth Worker



YOU MIGHT CONSIDER UNDERTAKING STUDY TO TRANSITION INTO THESE RELATED JOB ROLES:

- Counsellor
- Social Worker

QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS



Looking to progress your career? TAFE SA can help you further your study with these courses (*fees may apply)

- Certificate IV in Child, Youth and Family Intervention (CHC40321)
- Certificate IV in Youth Work (CHC40421)

Or undertake a range of short courses to supplement your existing knowledge or continue upskilling.

Further information available on the TAFE SA website.

JOB HOLDER COMMENTS

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"The course provides a strong balance between theory and practical application, helping me build confidence in working with children, youth, and families. I also value the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals and like-minded peers who share the same commitment to supporting vulnerable communities."

Bella Hanson

Certificate IV in Child, Youth and Family Intervention (CHC40321)



NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY



Networking with industry provides you with opportunities to gain employment, advance your career and stay current with industry changes.

Conferences and workshops are an excellent way to introduce yourself to key industry contacts.

Follow these organisations on social media:

- Australian Association for Adolescent Health (AAAH)
- Youth Workers Australia (YWA)
- Australian Community Workers Foundation (ACWF)

Consider these opportunities to find employment:

- Send your resume to relevant businesses in your local area
- Look for employment opportunities advertised on
 - the TAFE SA Jobs Board
 - online employment websites like Seek
 - the job board on your local Regional Development Australia (RDA) website

CAREER SUPPORT



Not sure where to start? TAFE SA's Student Services can provide you with a range of career planning support including:

- career planning
- write a winning resume
- how to respond to selection criteria
- cover letters that stand out
- preparing for job interviews

To find out more, or to book an appointment, visit TAFE SA's Career Support Page: Career Support (tafesa.edu.au)

Data sources:

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