

## Active Movement Aquatics Co-ordinator

### Role Description



During 2005 SPARC (along with key industry stakeholders) developed an exciting resource designed to enhance fundamental movement skills for infants and pre-schoolers called 'Active Movement'. This resource is available nationally and is supported by staff at the Regional Sports Trusts. 'Active Movement' is defined as "Engaging in Quality Physical Activity experiences which develop and enhance the spiritual, emotional, social, cognitive and physical growth of the child. Active movement embodies the whole child." The 'Active Movement' initiative is grounded in thorough research, highlighting a window of opportunity for brain development and the benefits of fundamental movement skills.

During 2006 Swimming New Zealand has been contracted by SPARC to develop 'Active Movement' to include aquatics. Organisations in support of Active Movement Aquatics include; Plunket, The National Heart Foundation, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Regional Sports Trusts, Swimming Coaches and Teachers NZ (Inc), Watersafe Auckland Inc, Parents as First Teachers and NZ Recreation Association.

#### Role purpose:

- To share the Active Movement and Active Movement Aquatics philosophy with staff, parents and caregivers of children under the age of five years.
- To direct parents and caregivers of children under the age of five years in the practical application of Active Movement Aquatics.
- To facilitate the incorporation of Active Movement Aquatics into the facility programme.
- To facilitate the education of facility staff teaching or working with children under the age of five years and / or their parents and caregivers in an aquatic environment, in the philosophy of Active Movement and the application of Active Movement Aquatics.

#### Reports to:

- For the purpose of Active Movement Aquatics the Active Movement Aquatics Co-Ordinator would be expected to liaise with the Swimming New Zealand Regional Education Manager of the region with in which the facility is located.
- The requirement for the Active Movement Aquatics Co-Ordinator to report to a member of the facility staff is the decision of the facility owners / operators / management.

#### Supervises:

- For the purpose of this role the Active Movement Aquatics Co-Ordinator does not need to be supervising another member of staff.
- Should this role be incorporated in to another role or position, the lines of supervision for that role / position will function as is established by the facility owners / operators / management.

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- Additional working relationships are the decision of the facility owners / operators / management.

### Person specification:

- The Active Movement Aquatics Co-Ordinator will have a proven track record working with or teaching children under the age of five years in an aquatic environment. (This work may be paid or unpaid.)
- The Active Movement Aquatics Co-Ordinator will have a proven track record of demonstrating safest practice and best practice when working with children. (This work may be paid or unpaid.)
- The Active Movement Aquatics Co-Ordinator will have communication skills which bring out the best in children and adults.
- The Active Movement Aquatics Co-Ordinator will be positive and cheerful in their general manner.
- The Active Movement Aquatics Co-Ordinator will have the desire to develop child centred environments using the Active Movement Aquatics resources.

### Hours of work:

- The number of hours worked each week or month should equate to those needed to achieve the position purpose at the facility.
- The timing of the hours of work each week or month is the decision of the facility owners / operators / management.

### Other:

- This role may be paid or unpaid.
- Facilitating pay / financial reward and contractual matters are the responsibility of the owner / operator / management of the facility.
- Appointment of the Active Movement Aquatics Co-Ordinator is the responsibility of the facility.
- The Active Movement Aquatics Co-Ordinator would be expected to attend an Active Movement Aquatics professional development session arranged by Swimming New Zealand at the soonest time possible after being appointed.
- The Active Movement Aquatics Co-Ordinator would be expected to attend Active Movement professional development sessions scheduled by Swimming New Zealand.