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To all Alice Springs Community Playgroup families

Playgroup NT is funded by the Department of Social Services to support volunteer-led playgroups across the Northern Territory. Volunteer-led playgroups have been running in the NT for over 40 years helping to connect isolated families by meeting regularly.

Playgroup NT also receives funds to run supported playgroups e.g. to support disability, and these are run by paid staff members.

The Wednesday Playgroup at Alice Springs is a volunteer-led playgroup and has been running for at least 12 years. During those 12 years, it has been difficult at times to find a volunteer coordinator/s to run the playgroup and so the paid Community Development Worker for Alice Springs has needed to run it to keep it going.

Previously, Shannon was the volunteer running the Wednesday Playgroup and donating her time, and on behalf of the Alice Springs community, we again thank her sincerely for her contribution and dedication.

Recently, a new Community Development Worker was employed to again build the volunteer capacity of the Wednesday Playgroup and network in the Alice Springs Community to start a disability support playgroup which would be run by paid staff. Unfortunately, this new staff member has had to leave to support family.

Playgroup NT is now looking to recruit a new Community Development Worker to support the volunteer/s at the Wednesday Playgroup and work with the Alice Springs Community to set up playgroups for families needing a higher level of support.

If you have experience in early childhood education/community services/child and family health, and are interested in the Community Development Worker position, we would love to hear from you 😊 Please email [ceo@playgroupnt.com.au](mailto:ceo@playgroupnt.com.au).

If you are interested in volunteering (even if you are unable to offer a regular commitment) then we would love to hear from you too 😊

Regards  
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