

## Ways to supplement your income: Family support worker

Business model	Qualities required	Training required	If you're not sure yet...	Typical working hours	Location	Regulatory requirements	Projected income
<p>Family support workers offer practical and emotional help to families in need of support.</p> <p>Roles are likely to involve working with other agencies to meet the family's needs.</p> <p>Some family support worker roles are full time, but there may be part-time roles available as well as opportunities for sessional work.</p>	<p>Kindness, compassion, patience, empathy, the ability to deal with sensitive issues.</p> <p>Communication and organisation skills. A flexible approach to working with a variety of situations and challenges.</p> <p>The ability to work in partnership with other agencies.</p>	<p>You would need a driving licence and your own vehicle to visit families.</p> <p>Family support work requires knowledge of safeguarding and experience of working with families. Some roles may require experience of working with children who have additional needs.</p> <p>Family support roles require a relevant level 3 qualification such as childcare, counselling, education, health, social care or youth work.</p>	<p>You could look into opportunities for sessional family support work in your area. This might involve supporting a school, family or respite care team.</p> <p>Speaking with potential employers will give you the opportunity to find out about the roles available and experience needed for each job.</p>	<p>Family support roles can be full time, but there may also be part-time or sessional roles available that could fit around your childminding business.</p>	<p>Work can take place in a family's home, at a school or a respite care facility.</p> <p>This type of work may also involve travelling to offices to complete paperwork, and to meet with other agencies working with the family.</p>	<p>Family support workers must have an enhanced DBS check.</p>	<p>Family support worker salaries range from around £18K to £24K.</p> <p>Sessional family support work typically pays between £8 and £15 per hour.</p>