



Job Title: Early Childhood Teacher
Reports to: Early Childhood Site Manager

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Provide a warm, nurturing, safe and loving environment where self-concepts are enhanced, independence encouraged, and individuality respected. Provide age-appropriate educational and/or enrichment activities to infants, toddlers, or preschoolers that promote individual development.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Four year degree, CDA or AA degree and able to be licensed as a teacher according to Rule 3.
- Pass a DHS background check as required by licensing
- Ability to handle crises, problem solve, make judgments or decisions appropriately and quickly as needed to ensure the wellbeing and safety of clients, staff, and facility.
- Provide documentation of current CPR and First Aid certification within 90 days of employment and keep certification current thereafter.
- An essential understanding of and commitment to the fundamental principles of the YWCA mission.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Uphold and further the mission of the YWCA
- Create and offer a program that meets the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social needs of both the individual and the group.
- Tailor programming to meet the needs of the individual child/family, taking into consideration their interest, special needs and talents, and individual style and pace of learning.
- Interact with children and encourage their involvement in daily activities.
- Maintain an environment that is safe, orderly, and clean, including daily & weekly cleaning checklists.
- Treat each child and family member with dignity and respect.
- Know how many children are in your group, where they are at **all** times, and never leave a child unattended.
- Establish and maintain good communications with guardians on a daily informal basis.
- Continually evaluate each child's progress, and communicate these observations to the child's guardians during formal guardian/teacher conferences offered at least twice a year.
- Model appropriate positive behavior guidance techniques, and develop a cooperative and supportive attitude within the classroom.
- Prepare weekly lesson plans.
- Ensure that program goals are implemented.
- Plan and supervise age-appropriate class outings/field trips.
- Work with other staff to create a classroom climate that is inviting, interesting, and stimulating.
- Assist with maintaining accurate and up-to-date classroom records.
- Participate in recommended training programs, conferences, courses, mandatory in-services, and other aspects of professional growth.
- Collect fees from guardians for child care services and activities.
- Participate in MN Reading Corps program as directed.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES:

- Act as a YWCA spokesperson when appropriate.
- Abide by current YWCA safety regulations as defined by OSHA, Fire Department and other regulatory agencies. Arrange training for program staff to maintain the safety of all clients and staff.
- Support the mission of the YWCA

- Other duties as assigned

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to hear the conversational voice with or without a hearing aid.
- Ability to speak and be understood under normal circumstances.
- Ability to lift and carry items weighing up to 50 pounds
- Ability to use arms, hands, legs and feet with or without corrective devices to accomplish the job, including evacuation of the building during emergencies.

CORE VALUES:

- **Justice** – Believe, and work to create, an equitable community that values the worth of all women and girls
- **Social Change** – Participate in efforts that make a significant impact on societal attitudes, behaviors, policies and laws to advance economic, political and gender equity
- **Empowerment/Freedom** – Believe all women and girls have the right to define themselves and their own lives as they see fit.
- **Inclusion** – Work towards the full participation of ALL women and girls in every level of our organization and community.
- **Collaboration** – Believe that by working together we can accomplish more and have greater results.

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