

Teacher Assistant



Department: Early Care and Education

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Reports to: Education Supervisor

Date: April 2018

Position Summary:

The Teacher Assistant is responsible for assisting the Head Start Teacher in providing children ranging in ages from 3 to 5 years, with learning experiences that promote school readiness. This includes creation and implementation of individualized lesson plans, development of meaningful relationships with children and families, and the design of safe, engaging environments.

Essential Functions:

The duties identified below are the essential functions of the position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Assist Teacher with observing, documenting, and assessing student progress
- Assist Teacher in analyzing student data
- Assist Teacher in the development and implementation of lesson plans based on student data, interests, and developmental practices
- Engage families in program services and activities that promote parenting skills, knowledge, and confidence
- Conduct Family Conferences and Home Visits
- Maintain clean, safe, and engaging indoor and outdoor learning environments
- Ensure compliance with Bauer Policies, State Licensing, and Head Start Program Performance Standards
- Attend twice-monthly staff meetings, monthly Professional Development Days, quarterly All-Agency meetings, and annual Pre-Service

QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform this position successfully, an individual must demonstrate regular, predictable attendance and be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge and skill required. The individual must be able to successfully pass background checks.

Education/Certification/Licensure:

- Proof of current enrollment in a Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate program, OR enrollment in or completion of an Associate or Bachelor Degree program
- Valid driver's license

Experience Required:

- 1-2 years previous experience preferred

Knowledge and Skills Required:

- Commitment to serving children and families in poverty with the highest quality services
 - Willingness to learn and apply new knowledge
 - Strong communication skills, both written and verbal
 - Knowledge of child development and health and safety standards
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- Ability to create effective lesson plans that promote development
- Organization and time management
- Basic computer skills
- Ability to fluently communicate in Spanish is a plus

Physical Requirements:

To accomplish the essential functions of the position, one must be physically able to operate or work with computers, calculators, reference books, computer software applications, phones, and other standard office equipment. The physical activities of the position include talking, reaching, grasping, light lifting, bending, squatting, and other repetitive motions.

Working Conditions:

- Work is considered active and performed mainly in a pleasant school environment with rare exposure to environmental factors.
- Minimal safety hazards with general school working conditions.

INTENT AND FUNCTION OF POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

This position description is intended to cover the most significant aspects of the position. There may be additional responsibilities assigned beyond those stated in this position description. The Organization reserves the right to modify the role, responsibilities, requirements and position status as compliance regulations or business needs dictate.

Position descriptions assist the Organization in assuring the hiring process is administered fairly and qualified candidates are selected. They are essential to effective performance management and compensation systems.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, it is possible that requirements may be modified to reasonably accommodate disabled individuals. However, no accommodations will be made which may pose serious health or safety risks to the team member or others or which would impose undue hardship on the Organization. Position descriptions are not intended as and do not create employment contracts. The Organization maintains its status as an at-will employer and employment separations can occur for any reason not prohibited by law.