

Job Description:

Job Title:	Assistant Teacher	Effective Date:	July 2023
Supervisor:	Team Leader	Entry Level Hourly Rate:	CDA or AA \$12.75 HS + Enroll in CDA \$12.75
Employment Status:	Non-Exempt	Employees, under the provision of the FLSA, are required to be paid by the hour and paid overtime for hours worked in excess of (40) hours in a workweek.	

Responsibilities:

- Assist in implementing the Program’s vision, mission goals, objectives, policies, and Program Plans.
- Assume duties of teacher in his/her absence.
- Know and ensure compliance with state and federal regulations.
- Assist with supervision/direction of volunteers in classroom when needed with understanding of job descriptions.
- Assist in maintenance of child-staff ratio.
- Assist in preparation/coordination of daily activities in the classroom and completion of daily attendance, monthly enrollment and meal counts.
- Assist in the development/implementation of weekly plans with developmentally appropriate indoor/outdoor activities.
- Develop/prepare learning activities with teacher's guidance.
- Assist in maintaining a safe, healthy, attractive environment with well-defined learning areas.
- Assist in ordering needed equipment/supplies and completing bi-annual classroom inventory.
- Use appropriate discipline techniques established by Program policy with **NO** physical or emotional punishment.
- Implement all components of program-wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) approach.
- Model and teach consistently the PBIS expectations to: be safe; be respectful; and be a team player.
- Assist in maintaining up-to-date emergency information and permissions for each child.
- Assist with health screening for children as required.
- Participate in and assist in documenting monthly fire and other emergency drills.
- Respond calmly in emergency situations following procedure.
- Recognize and respond to accidents and illness and follow procedure.
- Provide social/emotional support for each child by: responding to crying, rocking and other appropriate techniques.
- Use a modulated, appropriate tone of voice with children.
- Meet physical needs of each child such as: potty training, changing diapers/pull-ups, and soiled clothing; administering prescription medication; and feeding as needed.
- Report the suspicion of child abuse and/or neglect following procedure and submit forms.
- Assist with observations and collection of work samples/photos for each child to document progress and assure an accurate Individual Development Plan and Developmental Checklists.
- Provide teacher with information regarding children who may need special services and/or behavior concerns.
- Participate in weekly Family and Child Team (FACT) meetings as needed.
- Assist with screening of children using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) and Ages and Stages (ASQ) – SE.
- Assist/participate in planning and record keeping.
- Assist with Orientation for children and families/parents.
- Assist with home visits and conferences.
- Promote an open, working relationship with parents and encourage family/parent involvement.
- Promote an open, positive, team approach with co-workers.
- Report Program, center, child/family, and co-worker related problems/concerns to immediate supervisor (teacher) and Site Supervisor.
- Attend Center Committee meetings as requested.
- Assist in classroom self-assessment and analysis of Program-Center-Classroom Profiles to improve outcomes.
- Participate in supervisory feedback discussions and assist with recommendations and follow-up needed.
- Maintain safety of children being transported to and from center, utilizing required child safety restraints and following Transportation and Pedestrian Safety procedures.
- Perform other duties assigned by immediate supervisor and approved by the Site Supervisor/SR Coach.

Qualifications:**Education and Experience:**

- AA degree in Early Childhood Education* or Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)* or
 - High school diploma/GED AND enrolled in a CDA or college courses to obtain ECE degree to be completed within two years of the time of hire
- (*PA PreK Counts Assistant Teacher must have AA in ECE or CDA credential prior to hire)**

Skills:

- Ability to take direction and follow through as expected.
- Ability to accept and exercise authority appropriately and make rational decisions.
- Ability to plan, assign and supervise the work of designated personnel.
- A patient and understanding manner with children.
- Ability to establish/maintain effective working relationships with children/families, co-workers and colleagues.
- Ability to recognize and respect confidentiality.
- Ability to effectively communicate in oral and written form.
- Physical and mental ability to supervise and assist children participating during indoor/outdoor activities which includes the use of gross motor equipment, walks and field trips.
- Physical and mental ability to respond quickly to needs of children during daily activities and emergency situations.
- Visual and auditory ability to provide children and co-workers with a safe, secure environment.
- Physical ability to lift children ages 3-5 (30-50 lbs) in emergency situations only.
- Physical and mental ability to model and participate in activities designed for preschool age children that includes repetitive bending, stooping, sitting on floor and on child-size chairs (8"-12") with use of gross/fine motor, language, visual, and cognitive skills.
- Assist in the preparation of meals with ability to utilize large and small kitchen appliances (stove, microwave, and dishwasher) and carry food to and from kitchen.
- Assist in the set-up, cleanup of meals includes sanitizing tables, transporting dishes to/from kitchen, sweeping/mopping of floors.
- Assist in daily routines of children such as riding the bus, bathrooming, tooth brushing, rest/quiet time which includes the ability to set-up and maneuver around cots/mats.
- Assist in maintaining health/hygiene of classroom by sanitizing toys, sweeping, mopping, moving equipment, and disposing of garbage as needed (under normal circumstances).
- Physical ability to ascend/descend steps on a regular basis to access bathrooms, kitchen, and play areas, to evacuate in emergency situations and to make home visits as required.

Requirements:

- Must receive a negative pre-employment drug-screening test.
- Must receive an initial health appraisal and Mantoux TB test and a health appraisal every two years once employed.
- Must receive Child Abuse, Criminal History, National Sex Offender Registry Certification and FBI Fingerprint Background Clearances.
- Be punctual and reliable in attendance.
- Be professional, productive, and follow the Standards of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, and Confidentiality policies.
- Work evenings and flexible hours when necessary.
- Travel as required.
- Participate in a minimum of two professional growth/development activities and relevant associations.
- Participate in required Keystone STARS Core Training Series, including Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Training.
- Utilize a Professional Development Plan and participate in job-related training and professional development opportunities to enhance competence and job performance, including these annual requirements: CBK: 24 hours minimum with Child Observation, Inclusive Practices, and/or ERS Curriculum, Program/Child Assessment, and/or Appropriate Learning Standards; Common Childhood Illnesses; Pediatric First Aid; Child Abuse Reporting; Transportation/Pedestrian Safety; Fire Safety; and Emergency Preparedness
- Participate in Program Committees/Teams, meetings, etc.
- Participate in performance assessments.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY JOB REQUIREMENTS:

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	FREQUENCY OF ACTIVITY			
	Not At All Not Performed	Occasionally Up to 33% of Time 1-2.5 hours	Frequently 34% - 66% of Time 3- 4.5 hours	Continuously 67% -100% of Time 5-7 hours
Sitting		X		
Standing			X	
Walking			X	
Bending Over			X	
Twisting		X		
Climbing		X		
Reach Above Shoulder		X		
Crouching/Stooping		X		
Kneeling		X		
Balancing		X		
Pushing or Pulling		X		
Repetitive Use of Hands			X	
Fine Finger Dexterity				X
Grasping - Simple/Light				X
Grasping - Firm/Strong				X
Lifting or Carrying:				
• up to 10 lbs			X	
• 11-20 lbs			X	
• 21-50 lbs		X		
• 50 or more lbs	X			
Use of Head and Neck				X
Frequency of Interpersonal Relationships Necessary to Perform Job				X
Frequency of Stressful Situations Necessary to Perform Job		X		

I have read this job description with the addendum for physical requirements and am able to perform the duties as stated.

Employee Signature

Date

HR Manager and Supervisor Signatures

Date