

# Hiring a Preschool Teacher / an Educator.

# Job description for Early Childhood Educator Main duties:

# Scope

The Preschool Teacher will be responsible for planning and implementing a program to teach young children. They must ensure the development and safety of these children in accordance with relevant policies. The Preschool Teacher will be respectful of children and parents, and ensure that equipment and facilities are clean, safe and well maintained. Failure to provide adequate services may place children at risk.

1. Develop and implement a developmentally appropriate preschool program for young children

# Main Job Tasks and Responsibilities

#### **Main Activities**

• Plan and implement activities to meet the physical, emotional, intellectual and social needs of the children in the program

- Provide nutritious snacks and lunches
- Provide adequate equipment and activities
- Ensure equipment and the facility are clean, well maintained and safe at all times
- Provide weekly and monthly schedules of activities
- Develop culturally appropriate programs and activities
- Develop activities that introduce math and literacy concepts
- Establish policies and procedures including acceptable disciplinary policies
- Be familiar with emergency procedures

# 2. Supervise children in the Pre-school

# **Main Activities**

- Ensure children are supervised at all times
- Provide various experiences and activities for children including songs, games and story telling
- Build children's esteem
- Comfort children
- Establish routines and provide positive guidance
- Provide a safe and secure environment for children to feel comfortable
- Implement positive discipline when required
- Clearly and effectively communicate in a manner that children understand
- Observe children and make note of progress
- 3. Communicate with parents and members of the community

#### **Main Activities**

- Discuss children's development with parents
- Discuss identified problems and needs with professionals as appropriate
- Participate in community activities
- Promote literacy and early education

### 4. Maintain program administration

5. Perform other related duties as required

**Main Activities** 

- Keep parents informed of program expectations, program activities and their child's progress
- Develop and maintain current, accurate and confidential client files
- Develop daily activity plans
- Monitor the program budget

# **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

#### Knowledge

- Child development and early education theories and practices
- Safe and appropriate activities for children
- Relevant legislation, policies and procedures to ensure that children are supervised and safe at all times

#### **Skills & Requirements**

- To be bilingual (French & English) is a good asset but it is not mandatory.
- To be a Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) is a good asset but it is not mandatory.
- Team building skills
- Supervisory skills
- Analytical and problem solving skills
- Decision making skills
- Effective verbal and listening communications skills
- Stress management skills
- Time management skills
- Teaching skills
- a. The Preschool Teacher must have proficient knowledge in the following areas:
- b. The Preschool Teacher must demonstrate the following skills:

#### **Personal Attributes**

- Be respectful
- Possess cultural awareness and sensitivity
- Be flexible
- Demonstrate sound work ethics
- Be consistent and fair
- Be compassionate and understanding
- Be able to build esteem while ensuring a safe and secure environment

c. The Preschool Teacher must maintain strict confidentiality in performing the duties of Day Care Worker. The Preschool Teacher must also demonstrate the following personal attributes:

#### **Working Conditions**

• The unavoidable, externally imposed conditions under which the work must be performed and which create hardship for the Preschool Teacher including the frequency and duration of occurrence of physical demands, environmental conditions, demands on one's senses and metal demands.

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• The Preschool Teacher will be expected to clean and maintain equipment and facility, and may move throughout the community with children The Preschool Teacher may come in contact with children who are ill and/or contagious, and must take precautions to ensure the health and safety of all children, parents, staff and themselves.

#### **Environmental Conditions**

• The nature of adverse environmental conditions affecting the Preschool Teacher, The Preschool Teacher will be working in a busy and occasionally noisy environment. There may be a number of activities and situations happening at once,

and the Preschool Teacher will have to supervise all children at all times.

# **Sensory Demands**

• The nature of demands on the Preschool Teacher's senses, The Preschool Teacher may experience smells associated with toileting and children who are ill. There may be times that the environment is noisy and busy.

# **Mental Demands**

• Conditions that may lead to mental or emotional fatigue, Caring for children can be stressful. The Preschool Teacher must ensure that children are supervised at all times, and that children are involved in safe and appropriate activities. There may be a number of situations happening at once, and the Preschool Teacher must be prepared to handle accidents and emergencies at any time.

# Additional information:

Hourly rate: \$16.5

Location: Vaughan, ON, L6A 3X2

Shift: 8 hours (paid) + 1 hour for the lunch (unpaid), from Monday to Friday.

