

**Job Description:**

Assistant Teacher/Teacher Aide

**Supervised by**

Site Supervisor

**Summary of primary job functions**

Teacher Assistants/Aides are part of the Early Education program team. The Teacher Assistance’s primary role is to provide early care and education to children.

**General Position Information**

37.5 -40 hours a week - Non-exempt

$18.00 - $23.00 an hour DOE & ECE Units

Benefits Package includes Dental, Vision, Medical, Alternative Healthcare, Life Insurance, and option of enrolling in a retirement plan. This benefits package is valued at $8,000 per year.

To apply please send a cover letter, resume and 3 professional references to Denise Gonsalves at dgonsalves@wafwc.org.

**Duties and responsibilities**

**Children**

* Under the supervision of the teacher the aide will do the following;
  + Assist in making plans and implements developmentally appropriate curriculum in the areas of language development, early literacy skills, math skills, social emotional, science, creative expression and fostering independence
  + Monitor children and their environment indoors and out for safety and appropriate interactions between children
  + Care for the children’s basic needs such as eating sleeping/resting, diapering/toileting, dressing and basic hygiene
  + Provide for children’s emotional needs such as physical nurturing, problem solving, fostering autonomy, respecting children’s feelings, providing positive communication, facilitating peer interaction and aiding in the development of appropriate social skills. Models positive communication skills.
  + Plan and carry out daily circle times in the Morning and Afternoon that stimulate cognitive growth, develop literacy skills, increase creativity and are developmentally and age appropriate.
  + Assist in setting up a stimulating environment daily indoors and out that includes activities that support the development of the whole child.
  + Foster an anti-bias classroom environment.
* Aides will maintain confidentiality about the children/families in our program
* Under the supervision of the teacher, aides will maintain a safe and healthy environment for children.

**Staff**

* Model appropriate behavior for and mentor EEC Volunteers
* Attend and participate in staff meetings regularly
* Share ideas, gives positive feedback and constructive feedback
* Assist in developing a cooperative team relationship with staff
* Maintain and foster clear communication with co workers

**Parents**

* Greet parents and children and assists children in their adjustment to the center daily
* Develop a positive rapport with the parent(s)
* Communicate with the parent daily about their child’s day
* Exchange important information about with the parent about their child
* Respond to the parent’s needs and ideas
* Inform families of and promotes upcoming events

**Administration**

* Under the supervision of the teacher, an aide will assist in maintaining necessary documentation, reports and charts
* Perform other responsibilities as required

**Job Specific Knowledge, Skill & Abilities**

Walnut Avenue Family & Women’s Center complies with ADA including providing reasonable accommodations.

* Regular use of hands, wrists and finger movements; ability to perform repetitive motion (keyboard), writing (note-taking). Ability to operate a computer keyboard and other office equipment
* Ability to sit and/or stand for long periods of time; twisting, bending, pushing, pulling, holding and lifting up to 40 lbs.
* Ability to hear normal speech, hear and talk to exchange information in person and telephone
* Ability to think and work effectively under pressure; Ability to effectively serve participants; decision making, maintain a concentrated level of attention to information communicate in person and by telephone throughout a typical workday; ability to understand and retain instructions from supervisor in person, by email or by telephone; attention to detail.

We are a title 5 funded Early Education program and must follow Title 5 guidelines.

* Title 5: An assistant teacher must have 6 units of ECE and no experience is required. An assistant teacher may assist in the instruction of the children under the supervision of an Associate teacher or a teacher.

Must also meet the following qualification:

* Title 22: A teacher aide must: Be 18 years old or older. A teacher aide must hold a valid/current Child and Infant CPR and Pediatric first aid card. All staff must have a current health screening and negative TB test and proof of immunizations for Tdap/Dtap and MMR. All staff must have finger print clearance.
  + If working in the Infant program additional requirements: Teacher working in the infant/toddler program must have 4 additional units in Infant /Toddler development.
* Proficient in English required
* Bilingual English/Spanish (helpful but not required)
* All Staff must have a valid/current Infant and Child CPR and First Aid card. Must have a health screening including full immunization and a negative TB, DPT and MMR test

**Agency Specific Knowledge, Skill & Abilities**

* English proficiency required (verbal & written)
* All offers of employment at Walnut Avenue are contingent upon clear results of a thorough background check/fingerprinting.
* If this position requires driving on behalf of the agency, a DMV background check will also be required.
* Competent computer skills including basic Microsoft Office knowledge helpful but not required for this position
* Commitment to attend staff and department meetings
* Ability to professionally represent the agency through appropriate demeanor and attire
* Capable of working collaboratively and independently
* Maintain a high level of self-awareness and healthy boundaries with participants
* Desire to self-reflect and evaluate personal beliefs, biases, values, attitudes and actions
* Maintain and practice a comprehensive self-care routine
* Maintain flexibility regarding job roles and duties
* Ability to apply the strength-based model to support volunteers and co-workers
* Ability to manage volunteers including creating a welcoming environment, setting clear expectations, having healthy boundaries and addressing performance issues
* Capacity to assess, prioritize and manage multiple tasks simultaneously in a fast paced and ever changing environment with minimal supervision
* Ability to efficiently evaluate and problem solve complex issues
* Fluent and articulate writing abilities
* Commitment to maintain a mutually respectful & supportive work environment that values and empowers team members to collectively accomplish program goals

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