



Program: Toddler, Preschool

**JOB TITLE:** Classroom Aide  
**LOCATION:** State Street & De La Vina  
**REPORTS TO:** Program Manager, Site Supervisor  
**LEVEL:** Non-Exempt, Hourly Position

**ABOUT US:** Storyteller Children's Center is a therapeutic preschool that provides high-quality early childhood education for homeless and at-risk children in Santa Barbara County, as well as comprehensive support services for their families. We operate two fully licensed early childhood education centers, and serve over 100 children and their families ages 18 months - 5 years from Santa Barbara County annually. We support families through providing services/resources for their critical needs, such as food, medical and dental screenings, and developmental and behavioral health therapy. We offer a rigorous parental engagement and education program. Our programs are based on a cultural and clinical framework that is trauma-informed and strength-based. Our goals are to instill Kindergarten Readiness in our students, reduce vulnerabilities and promote protective factors in children, caregivers, teachers, and our community. We focus on positive social and emotional outcomes for our students, providing culturally and developmentally appropriate learning environments, supporting and improving the skills of parents to maximize optimal child development, and strengthening the family and community to build resiliency and empower families.

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Assists a Teacher or Associate Teacher in providing for the care and education of a group of children enrolled in a Community Head Start/CSPP or Storyteller Children's Center.

**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:**

- Minimum of 12 Early Childhood Education units (ECE) preferred.
- Experience as a Classroom Aide or volunteer in a preschool educational program preferred.
- Must be sensitive to the needs of low-income families and cultural differences.
- Ability to maintain a pleasant and responsive attitude toward children, parents, and staff.
- Ability to accurately complete written reports and required documentation.
- Fluency in speaking and writing Spanish is desirable.
- Familiarity with the Head Start/Child Development program.
- Ability to meet requirements of Community Care Licensing; pass and update as required, a general physical exam, TB skin test, fingerprint clearance from the

Department of Justice, and First Aid certification.

## **POSITION CHARACTERISTICS**

- Assists teachers in carrying out planning and curriculum and activities for children in the program.
- Assists special needs children with toileting and/or feeding if necessary.
- Meets on a monthly basis with the education staff to plan activities to meet the needs of the children in the program.
- Sets up for breakfast and lunch. Cleans up as required.
- Attends parent meetings and home visits when requested.
- Assists in keeping the classroom clean and orderly.
- Works with individual children or groups of children on assigned projects or activities.
- Assists with children during lunch, on playground and on field trips as assigned but not without supervision.
- Attends in-service training as assigned.
- Performs other comparable related duties as required.
- While performing the duties of this position, the employee is required to walk, talk and listen. The employee is frequently required to stand and sit; use hands to hold or feel; reach with arms and stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 40 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this position include close, distance, color, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus.
- This position floats between classrooms and sites.

**SALARY** \$16-\$18 per hour, dependent on experience. This is a non-exempt/hourly exempt position. Full-time position will be eligible for benefits after 30 days, including: health, dental and vision insurance, sick/vacation accrual, paid holidays and 401k retirement plan.

**TO APPLY** Please submit a cover letter and current resume to [susan@storytellercenter.org](mailto:susan@storytellercenter.org).

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER** Storyteller Children's Center is an equal opportunity employer. We will not discriminate and will take affirmative action measures to ensure against discrimination in employment, recruitment, advertisements for employment, compensation, termination, upgrading, promotions, and other conditions of employment against any employee or job applicant on the bases of race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.