

STORYTELLER

CHILDREN'S CENTER

JOB DESCRIPTION

Early Childhood Education Lead Teacher- Full Time

Storyteller Children's Center is seeking a passionate, experienced, motivated educator to serve as a lead teacher in our preschool program implementing a developmentally appropriate curriculum in collaboration with the site supervisor.

ABOUT US

Storyteller Children's Center is a therapeutic preschool providing high-quality early childhood education for children facing adverse challenges in Santa Barbara County and comprehensive support services for their families. We operate two fully-licensed education centers and annually serve an estimated 85 children 18 months - 5 years of age. We strive to prepare our students for kindergarten, increase resilience and promote protective factors in children, caregivers, teachers, and the community. We focus on positive social-emotional outcomes for our students by providing culturally and developmentally appropriate learning environments and supporting parents in gaining new techniques and skills to support their role as their children's first teachers.

JOB DUTIES

- Plan and implement program regulations in collaboration with the program director, site supervisor, and executive director.
- Assist with curriculum design to meet the developmental needs of preschool children in accordance with the program philosophy and policies.
- Maintain a classroom environment that is consistent with child development standards and program performance standards.
- Attend regular staff meetings and curriculum planning sessions, along with all work-related events, including in-service training and parent meetings as assigned.
- Meet regularly with the team or site supervisor/program director to plan the individualization of the curriculum.
- Responsible for large group time twice a week and a small group daily.
- Assist with written documentation relating to a child's development including anecdotal records, IEPs (Individualized Education Plans), DRDPs (Desired Results Developmental Profile), ECERS (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale), ASQs (Ages and Stages Questionnaire), CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System), developmentally appropriate lesson plans, referrals, and documentation of home visits/parent conferences.
- Assist with home visits and parental contact.
- Responsible for maintenance of required records.
- Maintain confidentiality of records.
- Maintain a physically safe environment. Reports all unsafe conditions and hazardous materials to the program director, site supervisor, and executive director.
- Maintain a sanitary work environment.

- Provide daily ongoing communication with parents regarding their child's development, including during home visits and conferences as assigned.
- Communicate effectively, orally and in writing, with clients and program staff.
- Maintain healthy working relationships with other program staff.
- Available for evening or weekend home visits, meetings, or special events to meet the needs of working families.
- Attend all pre-service and in-service training.
- Collaborate with the program director, site supervisor, and executive director in evaluating and improving the educational program.
- Substitutes for other classroom teachers when necessary.
- Maintain educational requirements from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Permit Matrix.
- Performs related duties as required.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Contribute to our vision of a community where all children are safe, valued, and respected and all families are supported to reach their highest potential.
- Understand the role in growing and protecting the organization's reputation.
- Uphold our highest values of integrity, honesty, and transparency.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- DOJ/FBI/Child Abuse Index fingerprint clearance.
- Pre-employment physical examination and tuberculosis (TB) test clearance.
- Vaccination verification of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR), Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP), and COVID-19.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office, Gmail, Google platform, and Zoom.
- Ability to meet requirements of Community Care Licensing.
- First Aid/CPR certification.
- Express and demonstrate appropriate early childhood principles and practices.
- Maintain a pleasant, responsive, constructive attitude toward the program and establish healthy working relationships with participants' families.
- Ability to complete written reports and required documentation timely and accurately.
- Ability to safely supervise and teach active 18 months, 2, 3, 4, and 5-year-olds which involves but is not limited to 1) circulating in the classroom and on the playground, 2) the ability to run across room or playground to prevent an accident or quickly reach one and, 3) administering emergency first aid as necessary.
- Experience working with children with disabilities is desirable.
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) is beneficial.

EDUCATION, LICENSES, AND CERTIFICATES

- AA or higher in ECE with three-semester units of supervised field experience in appropriate settings.
- Minimum of 24 units in ECE, including core courses.
- Minimum of six (6) months of experience with preschool children in an educational environment.

- Child Development Teacher Permit.
- Must be able to travel to make scheduled home visits with client families (may include evenings and weekends).
- Hold or obtain a valid Pediatric First Aid and Pediatric CPR card and update as required (fees reimbursed).
- Valid California Driver's License.

SALARY

\$20.50-24.00/hour, dependent upon experience. This is an hourly, non-exempt, position. Benefits after 30 days include health, dental and vision insurance, sick/vacation accrual, paid holidays, and a retirement plan.

TO APPLY

Please submit a cover letter and resume for consideration to Adriana Serdio at adriana@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.

While performing the duties of this position, the employee is frequently required to walk and talk or hear. The employee is occasionally required to stand, sit, use hands to handle or feel, reach with hands and arms and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employees must occasionally lift and move up to 40 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this position include close, distance, color, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

We are committed to a safe and healthy work environment for employees based on guidelines from the CDC, Cal OSHA, local health departments, and other reputable health and professional organizations.