

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: Lead Teacher
Supervisor: Program Manager
Program: ECEAP
Hours & Wages: Full Time/Non Exempt/DOE

GENERAL FUNCTION:

The lead teacher is directly responsible for the care and education of the preschool children enrolled in his/her classroom. The lead teacher works on the academic school year calendar. The lead teacher demonstrates competency in:

- planning curriculum and designing the indoor and outdoor learning environments based upon knowledge of child development, best practice, ECEAP performance standards, emergent curriculum and individualized instruction.
- observing, documenting, and assessing children's growth and development according to ECEAP performance standards.
- implementing and supervising age and developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive learning activities.
- planning and implementing positive guidance strategies designed to meet the individual needs of the children in care; address children's unmet needs; support positive child outcomes; communicate and partner with the ECEAP family support specialist and child's family, connecting families to professional resources and services when needed or desired.
- building and sustaining warm, responsive, and positive relationships with all children and families so parents feel welcome and invited to engage and participate in classroom activities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

All persons serving in the role of ECEAP Lead Teacher **must meet** one of the following qualifications:

- Associate or higher degree with the equivalent of 30 college quarter credits in Early Childhood Education.
- Valid Washington State Teaching Certificate with an endorsement in Early Childhood Education (Pre-K-Grade 3) or Early Childhood Special Education.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES:

- Lead the planning and implementation of preschool activities for young children in accordance with ECEAP performance standards and Volunteers of America's policies and procedures.
- Observe, record, and assess each child's growth and development for the purpose of planning individualized activities to meet the unique needs and interests of every child enrolled in his/her classroom.
- Provide a safe and healthy learning environment for young children; promoting health, wellness and nutrition through age and developmentally appropriate educational activities.

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- Make appropriate child referrals as needed or appropriate; accessing the services of the Volunteers of America Behavioral and Mental Health Consultant in a timely manner.
- Assist parents in increasing their knowledge, understanding, skills and experience surrounding child growth, development and learning; supporting them as their child's first and most influential teacher.
- Involve and engage families/parents in ECEAP program planning and ECEAP activities; providing opportunities for leadership development.
- Establish and sustain positive relationships with children, ECEAP parents, service agencies, volunteers, community partners, Snohomish County staff, other ECEAP program staff and co-workers.
- Maintain attendance, meal count, parent contact hours, accidents, and illness records.
- Establish, implement, and review plans for transitioning children into kindergarten; completing all "transition forms and documents" as requested by the county and/or agency.
- Attend parent/family events and activities.
- Attend and actively participate in all site-based, county and agency staff meetings and in-service trainings.
- Supervise, coach and mentor assistant teachers, student-interns, parent and community volunteers.
- ECEAP lead teachers work towards aligning practices with other Volunteers of America ECEAP teachers.
- Other duties as assigned by the program manager/site coordinator and/or program director.

If you wish to apply for this position, please email your cover letter and resume to:
recruiter@voaww.org.

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