Position: Pre-K Teacher
Reports To: Site Manager
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Position Purpose:
Responsible for managing the classroom and carrying out a developmentally appropriate educational program to meet the individual needs of each child and Illinois Early Learning Standards. The Pre-K teacher position is contingent on Illinois Early Childhood Block Grant funding.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:
• Implement Active Supervision of Children procedures to ensure each child is safe and accounted for at all times.
• Maintains a safe and healthy learning environment that fosters the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development of each child.
• Plans and implements a developmentally appropriate educational program that is inclusive of all children and based on best practices as defined by Head Start Program Performance Standards, Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework, NAEYC, and Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards.
• Collaborates with the Local Education Agency to carry out Individual Education Plans for children with disabilities.
• Provides direction to teacher aide(s) and works in partnership with the classroom team, program staff, and families, modeling respectful ways of interacting and maintaining confidentiality.

• Promotes parent involvement in their child’s development through home visits, parent-teacher conferences, parent newsletters, and participation in parent meetings.

• Assures that accurate and complete child development information including developmental screenings and ongoing child assessment, is maintained in electronic and hard-copy family files.

• Follows all local, state, and federal rules and guidelines, in addition to program policies and procedures and completes required paperwork by established deadlines.

• Uses Conscious Discipline and other appropriate child guidance techniques and language.

• Participates in professional development activities, including program improvement committees.

• Assists with recruitment activities as assigned.

• Perform other related duties as assigned.

**Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

• Valid Illinois Professional Educator’s License with an Early Childhood Endorsement.

• Must meet all requirements for maintaining Illinois State Board of Education teaching certificate.

• Experience working in an early childhood setting preferred.

• Experience working with diverse populations preferred.

• Respect for the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity and Americans with Disabilities Act.

• Must meet all requirements of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.
Essential Functions:

For any program option and/or event, the ability to:

- align with the vision, mission, and values of the organization
- maintain child, family, staff, and program confidentiality
- relate well to children, parents, staff, and the community
- effectively engage participating children and/or families
- conduct child observations
- plan data driven instruction
- lead educational activities
- travel to homes, meetings, training, service delivery, and other work sites
- provide necessary emergency response to children, families, and/or staff
- participate outside in various weather temperatures
- work weekends and evenings as needed
- stand 80% of work week
- sit at a table or on the floor 20% of work week
- ride a school bus
- lift and carry a child up to 50 pounds
- build relationships with children and families
- make decisions based on developmentally appropriate practices and trauma informed care
- implement and practice the program’s developmental curriculum and classroom management methods with fidelity
- solve and analyze problems
- self-reflect on performance and services
- manage time to meet deadlines, work duties, and work schedule
- ability to work as a team with other teachers within your classroom and/or site
- utilize a computer and data programs to meet program requirements
Work Environment:

- Working with children is physically and emotionally demanding work, requiring patience and energy. Most likely experience children with challenging behaviors, which may include physical and verbal aggression, daily.
- Primarily climate controlled with minimal safety/health hazard potential
- Sitting on the floor with the children
- Occasional bending, squatting, pushing, pulling, lifting, carrying and/or moving up to 50 pounds
- Noise level ranges from quiet with minimal sound distractions from conversation, doors opening and closing to loud classroom environment
- Outdoor play in various weather temperatures
- Near-vision use for reading and computer work

Disclaimer:

The job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties, or responsibilities that are required of the employee. Other duties, responsibilities, and activities may change or be assigned at any time with or without notice.

Approved by Policy Council: March 25, 2019

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Signature of Employee                                      Date