



Preschool Assistant Teacher

Job Type: Full or Part-Time Weekdays, subject to change based on program/season and business needs.

Company Description

Empowering Youth and Families Outreach (EYFO) is a 501c3 organization providing year-round academic, enrichment, and leadership programming to Pre-K youth in South Seattle and South King County since 2001. EYFO's mission is to make a lifelong impact in the lives of underprivileged youth by offering programs to create resilient leaders who are empowered to achieve their dreams. Our goal is to eliminate the barriers that keep the youth of color from realizing their full potential by ensuring that every child is equipped with a high level of support in identifying and pursuing their aspirations.

Job Summary

- Empowering Youth & Families Outreach is looking to hire a dynamic and engaging Preschool Assistant Teacher to educate, care for, and inspire the young minds of our youth. Using various teaching methods, including artistic expression, educational play, and storytelling, you will teach children to identify shapes, colors, numbers, and letters while providing them with foundational life skills and preparing them for the next stage of formal education.
- To be successful as a Preschool Assistant Teacher at EYFO, you should have patience, compassion, and energy as our young children; they have different needs, abilities, aptitudes, and emotions.
- The best candidate will also have excellent communication and organizational skills.

Preschool Assistant Teacher Responsibilities*

- Support lesson plans and curriculum created by the Preschool Lead Teacher or Director.
- Engage the preschoolers in activities such as arts and crafts, games, cultural activities, drama, music, stories, field trips, and other special projects and events.

- Communicate effectively with parents of preschoolers.
- Assist with set-up and takedown of activities, etc.
- Other duties as assigned by the Preschool Director.
- Encourage social interactions between children and help improve their self-esteem.
- Instill a sense of order and discipline in the classroom.
- Monitor free time on the playground.
- Ensure the classroom is clean, safe, and organized.
- Participates in professional training and coursework as needed and required.

*The company reserves the right to add or change duties at any time.

Preschool Assistant Teacher Requirements

- Two years' experience working with this age group in a preschool setting.
- Sign up on MERIT to obtain Stars identification
- At least 20 credits of Early Childhood Education courses.
- Train in the YPQI Youth Program Quality Initiative best practices for youth.
- Sign up for the Washington State Basic online 10-hour training course
- Previous experience developing hands-on programs and activities, including visual and creative arts.
- Patient, compassionate attitude, with a friendly, energetic disposition.
- Good mediation and nurturing abilities.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Current Red Cross CPR/First Aid certifications, bloodborne pathogens, and a Tuberculosis test clearance within the past year.
- Current King County Food Handlers Permit.
- To be hired, must pass a criminal background check.
- To be hired, provide proof of eligibility to work in the US and a valid government-issued ID.
- Current Washington state driver's license.

Preschool Teacher Skills

- Passion for shaping and inspiring young minds.
- Ability to serve as a positive role model.
- Good verbal and written communication skills.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Social perceptiveness
- Instructing
- Learning methodologies
- Active listening
- Active learning
- Critical thinking

- Problem-solving
- Complex problem solving