Floating Assistant Teacher

We are looking for a dependable, flexible, and enthusiastic **Floating Assistant Teacher** to join our childcare team! The ideal candidate enjoys working with children of all ages and is comfortable moving between classrooms to provide support wherever needed.

As a Floating Assistant Teacher, you will work alongside our classroom teachers to help maintain a safe, nurturing, and positive learning environment. This position provides support in our infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms, helping with daily routines, staff coverage, and classroom activities.

Position Details

- **Job Type:** Part-Time to Full-Time
- **Schedule:** Monday–Friday, between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM
- **Hours:** Part-time to full-time, based on weekly scheduling needs
- **Starting Pay:** $16.50 per hour

Job Responsibilities

- Rotate between infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms based on the daily needs of the center.
- Provide classroom coverage for staff breaks, planning time, and unexpected absences.
- Maintain active supervision of children at all times, both indoors and outdoors.
- Help maintain appropriate staff-to-child ratios and follow all state childcare licensing regulations.
- Assist with daily care routines, including feeding, snack time, diaper changes, toilet training, handwashing, and nap/rest time.
- Support classroom teachers with daily activities, including arts and crafts, story time, sensory play, and age-appropriate learning activities.
- Help children transition smoothly between classroom activities and daily routines.
- Maintain clean, organized, and sanitized classrooms, toys, learning materials, tables, and bathrooms.
- Assist with classroom opening and closing duties as needed.
- Communicate professionally and positively with parents, guardians, and coworkers.
- Follow all health and safety procedures, center policies, and New York State OCFS childcare regulations.
- Work cooperatively with Lead Teachers, Assistant Teachers, and the Center Director.

Qualifications & Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years old
- High School Diploma or GED required
- Previous experience working with infants, toddlers, or preschool-aged children required
- Experience in a licensed childcare center or preschool setting preferred
- CPR and First Aid certification preferred or willingness to obtain certification upon hire
- Must be dependable, flexible, patient, and comfortable working with children of different age groups
- Ability to adapt quickly to different classroom environments and daily schedules
- Strong communication, teamwork, and organizational skills
- Must be able to work independently and follow directions
- Ability to lift and carry young children, bend, reach, sit on the floor, and move child-sized furniture as needed
- Must meet all required background check and fingerprint clearance requirements

The Ideal Candidate

We are looking for someone who is a team player, has a positive attitude, and is willing to jump in wherever help is needed. Flexibility is essential for this position, as no two days may look the same!

The perfect candidate enjoys building relationships with children of all ages, works well with others, and understands the importance of providing consistent, quality care throughout the center.

If you are dependable, flexible, love working with children, and enjoy being part of a team, we would love to hear from you!