



refugee development center

Early Childhood Assistant (22 hours/week, Mornings)

About the Refugee Development Center Early Childhood Program:

We provide early childhood instruction to refugee and immigrant students ages 0-5 while their parent is involved in other RDC programming. We are seeking an assistant position who rotates in both our nursery room for children ages 0-2 and in our early childhood room for children ages 2-5.

Positions:

- **Early Childhood Assistant (ages 0-5)**

Schedule:

Mondays - Thursdays 9:15am-2:15pm

Start Date:

January 6, 2025

Pay: \$15.00-16.00/hour

Responsibilities and Duties

- Follow all program procedures regarding safety and wellbeing of children
- Conduct daily programming for early childhood newcomer students
- Teaching and following a daily routine
- Adapting the program to suit the needs of the individual child or group
- Consistently planning innovative ways of keeping children actively engaged
- Imparting knowledge to children through fun and play
- Ensuring the social and emotional growth of the child
- Maintain a safe learning environment following program standards
- Supervise volunteers in the early childhood classroom
- Attending team meetings as appropriate
- Collect and maintain student information
- Converse with refugee/immigrant parents as needed; using cultural broker (including language interpretation) support as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required

- Candidate should have previous experience working with early childhood students (0-5 year olds), including experience caring for infants.
- Ease with working with diverse populations.
- CPR/First Aid certified; or willingness to be trained
- Ability to exercise patience when interacting with children.
- A flexible, caring and approachable nature.
- Must be able to physically lift and support children up to 40 lbs and able to sit on the floor with children

Preferred

- Associate degree in early child development or a minimum of two years experience in the field.
- Multi-lingual (Arabic, Dari, Pashto, Kinyarwanda, Swahili, or Somali)
- Experience working with refugee and immigrant populations.

How to Apply:

Send resume & cover letter, complete with reference contact information, to Kristina Sankar, Assistant Director, at ksankar@rdclansing.org by Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

EEO Statement:

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