Tableland Services, Inc. ~ Community Action Partnership for Somerset County JOB DESCRIPTION

Name:

Job Title: Lead Teacher

Department: Early Childhood Education

Reports To: Education Manager

FLSA Status: Exempt

OVERALL PURPOSE

This role is responsible creating and maintaining a developmentally appropriate, engaging, and individualized classroom environment that supports the social-emotional, cognitive, language, and motor skill development of the Pre-K student. This role encourages family involvement to enhance school readiness and overall student success.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

1. Curriculum Implementation

- Develop and submit weekly lesson plans five calendar days in advance, following the agency-approved curriculum
- Prepare and organize lesson plan materials before instruction
- Ensure the learning environment is developmentally appropriate, inclusive, fostering growth in social-emotional, cognitive, language and motor skills
- Clearly communicate classroom rules and consequences while utilizing positive guidance methods
- Conduct regular observations and assessments to track student progress
- Submit and follow approved daily schedule
- Apply strategies from the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) to enhance teaching effectiveness
- Address individual student needs, including IEP and Behavioral Plans
- Finalize student outcomes three times per year
- Engage in mealtime with students to promote social development, healthy habits, and a structured learning environment

2. Family Engagement

- Use **Learning Genie** for parent communication
- Conduct two home visits and two parent conferences per academic year
- Collaborate with to support learning and meet IEP requirements
- Review newsletters to keep families informed

3. Safe & Clean Learning Environment

- Administer prescribed medications in coordination with Health Manager
- Maintain required student-teacher ratio
- Ensure safe and well-supervised classroom transitions
- Uphold student safety through sight, sound, and mobility monitoring
- Perform daily safety inspections and submit monthly checklists
- Follow established daily cleaning protocols to maintain hygienic environment
- Inspect and maintain a safe classroom setting that meets all regulatory requirements

4. Documents & Compliance

- Accurately complete and approve semi-monthly timecard
- Submit the monthly Home Visit Tracking Form
- Submit monthly mileage reimbursement requests
- Ensure timely completion of all HR employment documents
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date student records across all program component

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5. Student Recruitment & Program Promotion

- Actively participate in at least two recruitment activities per academic year
- Support ongoing marketing and outreach efforts to promote program enrollment

6. Assistant Teacher and School Readiness Aide Observation

- Ensure classroom protocols and best practices are understood and followed
- Identify training or coaching needs and report them to the Education Manager

7. Volunteers Observation

- Model developmentally appropriate teaching practices for classroom volunteers
- Provide clear guidance to ensure volunteers adhere to classroom expectations

8. Continuous Improvement & Adaptability

- Identify and implement process improvements to enhance classroom efficiency and student learning
- Foster a culture of high-quality education
- Adapt to changing program needs and contribute to strategic planning efforts
- Engage in professional development opportunities to stay current with best practices in early childhood education

ADDITIONAL DUTIES

- 1. Lift and carry up to 40lbs in emergency situations to ensure the safety and well-being of a child
- 2. Perform additional duties as assigned to support program operations

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree in early childhood education

EXPERIENCE and CERTIFICATIONS

- PA Teaching Certification
- CPR & First Aide Basic Certification

ADDITIONAL JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Proficiency with computers and standard office software
- Effective decision-making and problem-solving abilities
- Ability to foster a positive, collaborative and team-oriented work environment
- Proactively identify and resolve operational challenges
- Stay current with technological advancements and integrate tools to enhance efficiency
- Communicate effectively with students, families, and colleagues

To excel in this role, one must proficiently execute each vital task. The specified criteria outline the necessary knowledge, skill, and/or ability. Reasonable adjustments may be implemented to facilitate individuals with disabilities in carrying out these crucial functions.

I have carefully reviewed the provided job description and comprehensively grasp the outlined requirements. I am capable of fulfilling the essential functions of the role, whether with or without accommodations. I commit to executing all duties and responsibilities to the best of my capabilities.

Employee Acknowledgement

Supervisor Acknowledgement

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