

First Methodist Carrollton Teacher Assistant • Birth through 24 months Job Description

Overview of Position

The **Teacher Assistant** is responsible for nurturing the physical, cognitive, socio-emotional, and spiritual development of children birth through 24 months. The successful candidate will assist the classroom teacher by providing for the health and safety of young children, and demonstrating the skills required for effective MDO-family communication.

Responsibilities

- Work within a welcoming, caring, and developmentally-appropriate interactive classroom that promotes the growth and development of all children
- Assist the classroom teacher by implementing weekly teaching plans (indoor and outdoor) to nurture and stimulate each developmental domain: physical, cognitive, socio-emotional, and spiritual
- Incorporate character development and moral education into daily lessons, solidly rooted in Christian themes and Biblical teaching
- Provide responsive care and demonstrate cultural competency when working with all children
- Work in a collaborative environment with staff to assure children's optimum growth and development
- Participate in bi-monthly staff meetings and training programs designed to increase competence and assure compliance with requirements for continuing education

Qualifications

- High school diploma required; associate's degree or higher education preferred
- Higher education in pedagogy, early childhood education, or child development preferred
- Minimum of one year Mother's Day Out experience strongly preferred
- Previous employment experience in a licensed facility preferred
- Demonstrated ability to use child guidance communication skills or willingness to learn
- Ability to implement educational activities for birth through 24 months
- Ability to lift and carry up to 25 pounds and, in the case of emergency, a 40-pound child
- Demonstrate moral integrity through emotional stability and role modeling for children, families, and co-workers
- Demonstrated work history and excellent references required
- Demonstrated workplace dependability and punctuality required
- Willingness to comply with state licensure requirements and Mother's Day Out policies and procedures

This position reports to the Director of Preschool Ministries and is a non-exempt, hourly position, beginning August 2017. Salary competitive and commensurate with education and experience.

To apply for this position, please send a resume and two references to rdeassis@firstchurch.net. Multiple positions available. Position open until filled.

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