

**MountainStar Family Relief Nursery
Job Announcement**

Position: Preschool Promise Lead Teacher

Schedule: 40 hours per week, Monday – Friday, September 1 – June 30

Reports to: Program Manager

**10-Month Salary: \$36,000 - \$44,000 depending on qualifications, wage differential if bilingual,
* 1.0 FTE, salaried, exempt position ***

MountainStar Family Relief Nursery is a non-profit, strength-based child abuse and neglect prevention program to support families with children ages 6 weeks through 5 years. We provide comprehensive services for children and families experiencing high stress. Services include a therapeutic classroom emphasizing social-emotional development, home visits, parenting classes and other services.

Essential Job Functions

- Plan, organize, and facilitate a Preschool Promise classroom for up to 16 preschoolers
- Implement “Creative Curriculum” and complete TS Gold assessments for assigned children
- Serve USDA meals following family style meal service guidelines
- Accurate record keeping including meals and attendance
- Daily bus/car transportation for children (no CDL required) in various weather conditions
- Case Management of 7-9 children and their families, including:
 - Culturally competent relationship/rapport building with parents
 - At least quarterly strength-based home visits with Spanish and English speaking families
 - Referral assistance and crises intervention
 - Parent coaching and education, and facilitating positive parent-child interaction
 - Maintain records including daily observations, home visit records, family and child assessments
- Support other MountainStar activities - at times outside of regular hours

Knowledge and Experience

- BA/BS in Early Childhood Education or a related field with preschool teaching experience. Bachelor’s in progress, AA/AS or comparable Oregon Registry level considered.
- Bilingual English/Spanish including reading, writing and speaking effectively in both languages preferred
- Preference for experience and knowledge in: providing high quality early childhood education; observing and assessing the development of young children; working with families experiencing poverty, trauma and/or social complexity; cross-cultural and strengths-based communication; and computer skills including email, Excel, Word, and web-based databases.

Success Factors

- Able to relate sensitively with families and young children living in high stress, potentially chaotic situations with ongoing stress and trauma. Demonstrates cultural competence and excellent communication skills.

- Able to maintain personal/programmatic boundaries and confidentiality while providing high quality care, education, and other supportive services
- Able to: work independently and as a team member; prioritize and complete responsibilities; and be flexible as various situations arise.
- Continuing professional growth in areas related to early childhood education

Other Essential Requirements

- Ability to pass a background check
- Valid driver's license and reliable personal transportation. Clean driving record to drive company vehicles and transport children.
- Within 60 days of employment must be Pediatric CPR and First aid Certified, have a current food handlers' card, and show proof of completing "Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect," "Introduction to Child Care Health & Safety," "Safe Sleep," and "Prevention is Better than Treatment" courses as required by Oregon Office of Child Care

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