YUROK TRIBE-JOB DESCRIPTION
Early Head Start Teacher

Job Title: Early Head Start Teacher  Pay Grade: 6/7
Department: Education          Location: Eureka (State Licensed)
Reports To: Site Supervisor    FLSA Status: Non Exempt

All Hiring is Subject to the Yurok Tribe's Hiring Preference

Salary Range: $19.22-27.72

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Early Head Start teacher is under the supervision of the Education/Language Coordinator. Incumbent is responsible for developing and implementing curriculum and classroom instruction in accordance with the Head Start Performance Standards. The teacher is responsible for maintaining files documenting services provided to Early Head Start children and Families. Will follow Yurok Tribe Personnel and other Policies, applicable State and Federal regulations and standards, Community Care Licensing Regulations Title XXII, and Head Start, Early Head Start and Child Care mission, goals, and policies.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Plan and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum for 20 children.
2. Utilize Yurok tribal traditions, practices, and/or resources to provide a culturally relevant program.
3. Work closely with all program staff to provide an integrated program to infants and toddlers and families that include all required components of the Head Start standards.
4. Create a warm, accepting, and developmentally appropriate environment which encourages the cognitive, physical, emotional and social development of the child and family.
5. Reinforce and enhance the role of the parent as the primary educator of the infants and toddlers.
6. In cooperation with a family member and the Coordinator, assess the strengths and needs of each infant and toddler. Develop and implement an individualized infant and toddler plan.
7. Uphold confidentiality of child and family information in accordance with the confidentiality policy.
9. May be assigned other duties as required to meet the needs of the program.
10. Maintain at all times Teacher- Child ratios as per Community Care Licensing & Head Start Performance Standards.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Supervise Teacher Aide’s and classroom Volunteers, complete evaluations and provide feedback as needed.
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Ability to develop and implement educational curriculum in accordance with the Head Start Performance Standards
2. Knowledge of child development and sensitive to the needs and characteristics of young children and families.
3. Ability to relate well to other staff members, parents and community members.
4. Knowledge of history, culture and traditions of Native American Tribes of Northwest California particularly the Yurok Tribe.
5. Experience in computer word processing.
6. Possess effective interpersonal and leadership skills.
7. Possess well-developed verbal and written communication skills and abilities.
8. Must be self-directed and able to initiate parent and staff activities.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

A. Must have a current Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) to work with infants/toddlers and the ability to complete an Associate degree in Early Childhood Education and two (2) years’ experience working with pre-school age children in a classroom setting. Or
B. An Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education plus one (1) year experience working with children in a group or educational setting and the ability to obtain a baccalaureate degree in Early Childhood Education or related field and two (2) years of general experience.
C. Bachelor Degree in Child Development or Elementary Education plus two (2) year’s general work experience working with pre-school children in a group or educational setting.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

1. All applicants are subject to the Tribe’s Drug and Alcohol Free Work Place Policy including pre-employment screening.
2. Must provide documentation of a pre-employment and annual health screening showing that the employee is free of communicable diseases and is physically capable of doing the job.
3. Must provide pre-employment documentation of a negative TB test or chest x-ray, no later than 7 days following the date of hire and every 5 years thereafter.
4. Must provide (within thirty days) documentation of immunization or immunity for all currently recommended childhood immunizations. If employee is missing required immunizations they must be completed within six months of hire.
5. Must provide (within thirty days) documentation of receiving Hepatitis B vaccine. The entire series of Hepatitis B immunizations must be completed within six months of hire.
6. Must possess, or be willing to obtain within 30 days, a certification in Infant & child, pediatric, Community, or Universal First Aid and CPR through a qualified EMSA training program as prescribed by Community Care Licensing. Must maintain valid First Aid and CPR cards during duration of employment.
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7. Must provide documentation of 15 hours of Health and Safety training as prescribed by Community Care Licensing. Hours from current first aid and CPR certificates count toward this requirement. (EMSA approved training).

8. Must have a current Criminal Record Clearance with current Child Abuse Index Check on file with Community Care Licensing, or provide fingerprints and a Child Abuse Index Check prior to the first day of work in order to obtain a Criminal Record Clearance from the Department of Justice.

9. Valid state issued driver’s license and/or the ability to obtain a California or Oregon driver’s license. Must be insurable on the Tribe’s insurance policy.

10. If necessary, must adhere to a professional development plan with goals, objectives and timelines that includes the attainment of beginning level Yurok Language proficiency as determined by the Yurok Language Program.

11. This position will collaborate with the Yurok Tribe Child Care Program including but not limited to working in the Child Care Classroom as needed to meet teacher-child ratio’s and attending joint trainings.

12. This position may be required to work full year full day.

13. THIS POSITION REQUIRES COMPLIANCE WITH THE INDIAN CHILD PROTECTION and FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT PUBLIC LAW 101-630; 25 CODE of FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 63 – INDIAN CHILD PROTECTION and FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION; CRIME CONTROL ACT OF 1990, EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECKS; and EXECUTIVE ORDER 12968, ADJUDICATIVE GUIDELINES.

14. LANGUAGE SKILLS: Must have the ability to read, write and comprehend simple instructions, short correspondence, and memos. With ability to effectively present information in one-on-one and small group situations to customers, clients, and other employees of the organization. Knowledge of the Yurok language is preferred but not required.

15. REASONING ABILITY: Apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral and/or diagram form. With ability to deal with problems involving several concrete variables in standardized situations.

16. PHYSICAL DEMANDS: While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to walk, stand and use hands to finger, handle, or feel. The employee is occasionally required to sit, reach with hands and arms, climb or balance, the physical agility to bend, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl, reach overhead, push/pull, squat, twist and turn, talk and hear. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds.

17. VISION REQUIREMENTS:
   - Close vision (clear vision at 20 inches or less).
   - Color vision (ability to identify and distinguish colors).
   - Depth perception (three-dimensional vision, ability to judge distances and spatial relationships).
   - Ability to adjust focus (ability to adjust the eye to bring an object into sharp focus).

I, ______________________________, (print name), acknowledge receiving a copy of this job description. I also understand that, as an employee, I am expected to perform my assigned

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duties, to read and abide by all Yurok policies and procedures—personnel, vehicle usage, procurement, etc. I understand that any violations of all established policies and procedures may lead to disciplinary measures, up to and including termination.

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Supervisor Signature        Date

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