

Oregon Child Development Coalition

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Infant/Toddler Teacher
Wage/Hour/Status:	Non-Exempt
Pay Grade:	C-4, C-5, C-8, C-11
Reports to:	Education Coordinator or Education Supervisor

Employee's signature of acknowledgment and understanding of this document:

Name

Date

Position Summary

Ensures, supports, and promotes each child's safety, health, and development in cooperation with their parents and other early childhood professionals in a manner consistent with the Head Start Performance Standards, USDA, and day care licensing regulations. Plans and develops a developmentally and culturally appropriate curriculum which meets the needs of the children and families.

Essential Functions

Regular and consistent attendance is an essential function of this position.

- 1. Establishes a well managed, child oriented learning environment which is safe, healthy, interesting, attractive, and responsive to the social/emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development of each child served by:**
 - Implementing and complying with the program work plan in all service areas for assigned group of children.
 - Meeting with appropriate staff, parents, and professionals to share curriculum, progress, and needs; assisting in the planning and conducting of monthly parent training, team building strategies, and ongoing training of assistant teachers and of volunteers to the program.
 - Implementing and complying with Head Start Performance Standards, OCDC policies, Child Care Division (CCD) licensing requirements, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and USDA procedures for safety, health, nutrition, emergency, and sanitation including the supervision of children at all times.
 - Promoting sound nutritional practices.
 - Providing a safe environment that will prevent and eliminate injuries.
 - Maintaining clean classroom equipment and space as outlined in the Child Development Associate (CDA) essentials.
 - Openly receiving feedback from members of the Specialist team and implement plans of action to comply with Head Start Performance Standards and OCDC policies.

2. Provides leadership to staff and volunteers through active direction and actual involvement in the care, teaching, guidance, and training of children ensuring effective program operations, by:

- Completing developmental screening and follow-up, conducting and recording observations for assessments and evaluations, and creating plans for classroom which incorporate this information for each child in assigned group as required.
- Developing and implementing comprehensive, individualized educational plans for each child in the class in collaboration with parents, co-workers, and consultants.
- Planning and scheduling home visits and parent/teacher conferences to discuss child progress, provide child development education and to establish ongoing individualized development plans for each child with the child's parents or guardian.
- Meeting with appropriate staff to discuss and develop curriculum, participate and strategize in Case Management Team (CMT) meetings for interaction/guidance of children, plan weekly/monthly program/socialization activities and assist in planning and conducting yearly in service training consistent with the program work plans.
- Participating in staff, parent, and advisory meetings.
- Developing work assignments for classroom team.
- Completing all program paperwork as required.
- Riding the bus and assisting in safely transporting children to and from scheduled field trips.

3. Promotes quality child care services for the benefit of children and families ensuring a program responsive to their needs by:

- Taking advantage of training or educational experience that will help him/her grow more competent.
- Working to resolve issues and problems among co-workers cooperatively and respectfully.
- Demonstrating understanding of the philosophy of the program and describing its goals and objectives to others.
- Continually evaluating own performance to identify needs for professional growth.

4. Maintains confidence and protects program operations by:

- Observing strict confidentiality regarding children and families and making parents and staff aware of this policy.

5. Continually applies safety practices in all facets of the performance of duties by:

- Complying with agency safety standards.
- Supporting participation of a safe environment.
- Immediately reporting any unsafe or hazardous working conditions and/or injuries.

6. Maintains positive team relations within the assigned classroom and during program related activities by:

- Participating in regular team meetings with classroom staff.
- Participating in weekly team meetings with the Education Coordinator and/or Education Supervisor.

7. Ensures equipment and supply inventory maintenance by:

- Conducting spot checks and ensuring all inventories in classroom matches inventory list.
- Continually inspecting classroom equipment and report any deficiencies to the appropriate supervisor.
- Following all established purchasing/inventory procedures and guidelines.

8. Maintains an open, friendly, and cooperative relationship with each child's family by:

- Ensuring that information and services are provided to the parents in their primary language.
- Promoting parents as the primary educators of their children.
- Encouraging parents to talk about important family events and sharing information frequently with parents about their child's experience in the center.
- Demonstrating understanding of typical parent concerns/anxieties.
- Respecting parents' point of view and attempt to resolve the differences.
- Cooperating with other program staff to help parents obtain clear and understandable information about their child's special needs.
- Assisting in parent involvement activities and encouraging parents and other family members to share skills and talents.

9. Establishes and maintains parent involvement on a local level by:

- Planning activities for parents and volunteers within the classroom.
- Recruiting and providing orientation to parents/volunteers as needed.
- Ensuring documentation of in-kind generated from parents and volunteers are properly completed as outlined in program work plans.

10. Maintain professional and technical knowledge by:

- Attending educational workshops, attending designated training workshops or seminars, participating in training and coordinating activities as part of the statewide OCDC team.

11. Contributes to team effort by:

- Attending staff, parent, and other meetings as required.
- Fostering an understanding of Head Start, its mission, goals, objectives, and program services.

12. Provides emergency services as a Mandatory First Responder by:

- Responding to child/adult emergencies by using First Aid and CPR skills.
- Contacting appropriate medical personnel.
- Ensuring documentation related to incident is completed.
- Participating in fire drills and assisting in the evacuation of the children.

13. Other responsibilities:

- Performing other work related or assigned duties.

Education and Job Requirements

Infant/Toddler Teacher E - PG C-4

High School Diploma, GED, or Diploma de Educacion Secundaria or higher **AND**

- Infant Toddler Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate within 6 months from date of hire; **or**
- One year Oregon community college certificate¹ in field within 1 year from date of hire WITH training or coursework in early childhood development with a focus on infant and toddler development.

Infant/Toddler Teacher C - PG C-5

High School Diploma, GED, or Diploma de Educacion Secundaria **AND**

- Infant Toddler Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate; **or**
- One year Oregon community college certificate¹ in field WITH training or coursework in early childhood development with a focus on infant and toddler development.

Infant/Toddler Teacher A - PG C-8

Associate's degree or higher in

- Early childhood education or child development WITH training or coursework in early childhood development with a focus on infant and toddler development; **or**
- Any field and coursework equivalent² to a major relating to early child hood education or child development WITH training or coursework in early childhood development with a focus on infant and toddler development.

Infant/Toddler Teacher B - PG C-11

Bachelor's degree or higher in

- Early childhood education or child development WITH training or coursework in early childhood development with a focus on infant and toddler development; **or**
- Any field and coursework equivalent³ to a major relating to early childhood education or child development with training or coursework in early childhood development with a focus on infant and toddler development.

¹ Oregon Registry Step 8 or higher per certificate or college courses pathway

² Oregon Registry Step 9 or higher per degree or college courses pathway

³ Oregon Registry Step 10 or higher per degree or college courses pathway

Other Job Requirements

1. Must be registered with Oregon's Central Background Registry.
2. Ability to pass agency sponsored physical examination. TB test documented.
3. This position is an authorized driver and must possess current driver's license, good driving record, and auto insurance coverage as defined by OCDC Policy.
4. Demonstrated knowledge of Head Start system.
5. Possess current First Aid and CPR cards with infant/child CPR.
6. Must possess and maintain food handler's card.
7. Ability to travel occasionally.
8. Ability to relate positively to children and adults.
9. Must maintain any current education licensing.

Other Skill Requirements

1. Bilingual English/Spanish preferred. **Bilingual fluency may be required at some work sites.**
2. Must have ability to operate computers and possess basic knowledge of Microsoft Windows, Word and other software.
3. Excellent supervision and organizational skills.
4. Excellent communication skills.
5. Effective training/development skills.
6. Must perform duties with moderate direction given, operating from established directions and instructions. Decisions are made with general agency policy constraints, but requires independent decision making.

Physical Requirements of the Job

See Human Resources for Physical Job Analysis.

Job Conditions

May work outdoors intermittently with exposure to typical Oregon weather. There may be frequent interruptions, evening or weekend work, working long hours during peak periods. May work in a confined and small classroom space with minimal room for maneuverability.

Mental Requirements of the Job

Continual interaction with co-workers, parents, and children to provide information. Must relate positively to children and adults. Frequently faces deadlines with attention to detail and must complete tasks and required documentation in a timely manner. Considerable amount of variable levels of concentration with frequent or constant interruptions. Must be able to handle multi-faceted tasks on a frequent basis.

This agency believes that each employee makes a significant contribution to our success. This job description in no way implies that these are the only duties to be performed by the employee. At all times, employees will be required to follow any instruction and to perform any other duties within this or a lower job level upon the request of the supervisor. At times, employees may also be required to perform higher level duties.