Teacher Leader Job Description (Co-Director)

Hiring Part Time to Assist with planning to full-time in June 2018

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With continued support, Epiphany expects to see children performing better academically and more families improving their economic standing. Freed from the perverse incentives inherent in many programs, Epiphany will actively encourage and support parents in becoming financially independent with a robust scholarship program. Children succeed when their families succeed.

Through the ELC, Epiphany will be able to:
• Provide full-day, year long services to 62 children ages birth to five, with 18-21 kids in each cohort in a state of the art, well equipped indoor and outdoor facility with a focus on sustainable living.
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• Emphasize a proven curriculum (Reggio and Montessori inspired) of play, early literacy skills, number concepts, an understanding of the natural world, and self-expression.
• Ensure academic and social readiness to enter rigorous public or private schools at the best entry point for each individual student.
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Job Description- ELC Teacher Leader (Infant/Toddler/Pre-School)

The Teacher Leader is a year round, primary teacher in infant classroom, responsible for all aspects of child care and education. Teacher Leader also is a member of the Administrative Team, and must be Director Certified and serving as on-site director when ELC Principal is not on-site and working closely with the ELC Principal to oversee all aspects of the day-to-day operations of the ELC. Teacher Leader leads and supervises all the classroom teaching teams, including Teaching Assistants and Teaching Fellows, promoting excellent team coordination. Teacher Leader is responsible for classroom management, staff and volunteer support, program operations and development and parent communications. Teacher Leader must be committed to ensuring high quality, year round, nurturing child care and early education in compliance with ELC’s philosophy, goals and curriculum plans and in strict compliance with the Department of Early Education and Care (“EEC”) and all state and local laws and regulations.

Principle Duties & Responsibilities:

• Inspire, guide, and support a team of educators and a community of families.
• Assist with creation, implementation and integrity of ELC curriculum to maintain high-quality instruction.
• Assist with planning daily activities and goal setting for classrooms and individual children.
• Assist with managing center operations, including staffing, budgets and facilities.
• Coordinates all documentation and reporting.
• Evaluates and revises programming as needed.
• Maintains excellent communications with ELC Principal, teaching team and parents regarding each child’s activities and progress.
• Works closely with ELC Principal to insure and facilitate the smooth functioning of all aspects of the ELC in order to best serve children and families.
• Provides supervision, leadership and support to teachers, teaching assistants, teaching fellows and volunteers; coordinates, participates in and documents required staff orientations, trainings and professional development.
• Works with ELC Principal to ensure compliance with all licensing requirements including staff scheduling within approved teacher-child ratios.
• Coordinates the smooth integration of new children and parents.
• Works closely with the ELC’s administrative assistant (or senior staff with administrative responsibilities, as applicable) to ensure the efficient administrative operation of the ELC.
• Ensures all staff develops and maintains exceptional relationships with enrolled families through excellent verbal and written communication, family events, and positive interactions.
Monitor classroom attendance and staff scheduling and ratios to ensure regulatory compliance.
Perform administrative duties including required documentation, filing, emails, phone calls, and organizational tasks.
Comply with all EEC regulations regarding educator qualifications and professional development, including personal physical, mental and emotional health, immunizations and physical exams, emergency training, annual registration and other requirements.
Uphold the mission, vision, professionalism and philosophy of Epiphany

Qualifications:

Minimum: Demonstrated dedication to love, education and care of economically disadvantaged infants and children and their families. Must meet all minimum requirements for Director I (II) and Lead Teacher as detailed in EEC regulations 606 CMR 7.09 (18)(c)(3) and (4) (available at www.mass.gov), including minimum age, education and work experience. In addition to these minimum requirements, ELC Lead Teachers must hold an advanced degree in Early Childhood Education and a minimum of 3 years relevant experience. Work experience must be with infants/toddlers for Infant/Toddler Teacher Leader. Demonstrated childcare center experience preferred. Completion of First Aid and age-appropriate CPR training, renewed annually and a criminal records check. Superior interpersonal skills; passion for early education, love of children and learning; exceptional organizational and multi-tasking skills; excellent written and verbal communication skills; high degree of initiative and dedication; team player; commitment to high quality programming for children and parents and a supportive work environment for staff.

Compensation and benefits:

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Lead Teacher Job Description  
Hiring: June 2018

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ELC Lead Teacher (Infant/Toddler):

Job Summary:

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Assistant Teacher Job Description
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Job Description- ELC Assistant Teacher (Infant/Toddler) Job summary:

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Principle Duties & Responsibilities:

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Qualifications:

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Early Learning Center Teaching Fellow Job Description

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JOB DESCRIPTION- Teaching Fellow (Infant/Toddler)

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- Assists Lead Teacher on documentation and reporting.
- Evaluates and revises programming as needed.

Qualifications:
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Compensation and benefits:
- $600 monthly stipend
- Free housing and housing expenses
- Health Insurance
- Gym membership
- Americorps Educational Award of approximately $5000 (for full year position pending Federal funding)
- Joy

Hiring Process
Check out the website at www.epiphanyschool.com
Contact us at hiring@epiphanyschool.com
Submit transcripts, resume and cover letter
Complete formal written application and submit 2 written recommendations
Visit the school for a day for initial visit
Return to teach a mini lesson