**FPK Head Teacher**

Over the last 68 years, SVdP has grown from a volunteer-led non-profit to the largest human services agency in Lane County with more than 600 employees. Our mission is to assist the poor and those in need of consolation, seeking out and utilizing every resource. Being mindful of the sanctity and dignity of all, any charitable work that advances those goals is within the mission of SVdP Lane County

First Place Kids (FPK) provides families who are actively unhoused with access to a low-barrier, high-quality family programming. FPK provides a therapeutic space in order to mitigate the immediate detrimental effects of trauma while helping children and families gain the skills and connections needed to transition towards stability.

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

* Hold title of Head Teacher within Certified Childcare Center regulations
* Develop, implement, and supervise a consistent preschool classroom rhythm which includes small and large group activities based on life skills, free play, circle time, outdoor play, social/emotional skill development, meals, and effective transitions between activities. Develop and lead daily circle times and lunch story time utilizing Second Step curriculum
* Maintain a screen-free, developmentally appropriate classroom environment made of natural materials. Be responsible for classroom deep cleaning, organization, and rotation of supplies
* Demonstrate and maintain principles and practices of trauma-informed care and positive discipline in all programmatic services
* Supervise and monitor children at all times, which includes responding appropriately to crisis or emergency situations that may occur
* Work with FPK Preschool Promise Coordinator to administer developmental screenings and evaluations as needed

**Volunteers, Parents, And Colleagues:**

* Supervise and organize volunteers and interns with in-class direction
* Develop positive relationships with parents; talking to them regularly about their child's school experience and working with them on challenges and concerns. Schedule and participate in Parent-Teacher Chats as needed
* Attend weekly FPK Staff Meetings
* Attend SVdP YFS Staff Meetings as needed

**Additional Responsibilities:**

* Act as a Mandatory Reporter in accordance to abuse reporting laws
* Maintain appropriate documentation, as assigned by FPK Program Director
* Conduct job responsibilities in consideration of professional boundaries, confidentiality, and strength-based interactions
* This list is not all-inclusive, and other duties may be assigned

**Qualifications and Skills:**

**Required:**

* Associate degree from a college with a major in Early Childhood Education, child development or related field

**or**

* At least two years of qualifying teaching experience, with at least one year as a teacher, in a Certified Child Care Center or comparable group care program, in the care of preschoolers

**or**

* Documentation of attaining Oregon Registry Step level 8
* Adhere to agency philosophies regarding curriculum and safety.
* Supervise preschool children and ensure a safe environment. This includes responding to emergent needs of a busy classroom and outdoor play areas, moving quickly and responding to children who are very active
* Interact with children at their eye level; kneeling, stooping, bending, and lifting up to 50 lbs.
* Pass a background check and pre-employment drug screen (including cannabis)
* Currently enrolled in, or qualified to enroll in Central Background Registry

**Preferred:**

* Bilingual English/Spanish
* Knowledge of trauma-informed care and positive discipline techniques.
* Demonstrated experience working with families from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. Relate sensitively and non-judgmentally to children and parents
* Demonstrated experience functioning with flexibility in high stress situations

**Job type:** Hourly. Full time.

**Wage:** $22.00 per hour

**Hours:** Monday – Friday,7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Benefits:**

* Health, Vision, and Dental insurance offered at 90 days
* Employee Assistance Program
* Employee discount
* Flex time
* Vacation and holiday pay