



Position Title: Floater

FLSA Classification: Non-Exempt

Reports to: Executive Director

Position Purpose: To foster children's growth as learners by supporting teaching teams in delivering a responsive, play-based daily program grounded in the Reggio Emilia philosophy.

Core Responsibilities

Classroom Support & Learning Environment

- Provide flexible support and coverage in multiple classrooms daily
- Transition between age groups as needed, providing consistent and reliable support
- Create safe, nurturing, and stimulating environments
- Maintain the aesthetics and cleanliness of classrooms and common spaces
- Support children with diaper changes/toileting, nap time routines, and during meals
- Assist teachers in the implementation of daily flow, provocations, and routines
- Prepare materials and environments that respond to children's interests and developmental needs

Child Guidance & Development

- Provide intentional, attuned supervision that honors each child's unique journey and contributions
- Use positive, developmentally appropriate guidance strategies
- Model effective learning and behavioral approaches

Collaboration & Communication

- Engage in daily communication with the teaching team to share observations and ideas
- Build authentic, supportive partnerships with children, families, and colleagues
- Participate in reflective practice and collaborative professional learning
- Sets professional learning goals and works collaboratively with Instructional Coach and Mentor
- Contribute positively to a respectful, inclusive workplace culture

Qualifications:

- Minimum one year of experience working with children ages 0-6
- Full-time, year-round availability
- Stable housing in Summit County or surrounding areas
- Ability to pass comprehensive background check (fingerprinting and child abuse registry)
- Growth mindset with commitment to ongoing professional development
- Strong communication skills (oral, written, and digital)
- Demonstrated flexibility, problem-solving abilities, and organizational skills

Preferred:

- Coursework in Early Childhood Education
- Colorado Shines PDIS Level 2 Credential or above
- Current CPR and First Aid certification (or willingness to obtain within 30 days)
- Associates degree or higher in education or an education-related field
- Familiarity with Reggio Emilia Approach, Project Approach, or play-based learning philosophies

Professional Development & Compliance

First-Year Requirements:

- Achieve Colorado Shines Level 1 Credential minimum
- Complete ECE 1011 and ECE 1031 coursework
- Develop working knowledge of Reggio Emilia principles and implement key tenets

Ongoing Expectations:

- Attend orientation and training sessions
- Complete 1 hour of annual volunteer work for TLC fundraising events
- Maintain compliance with all state licensing standards (DHHS, Public Health, Environmental Health, Fire, Police)
- Immediately report any safety concerns or facility damage to supervisors
- Adhere to all TLC Employee Handbook policies and procedures
- Fulfill essential expectations and responsibilities of role
- *Additional duties as directed.*

Physical Requirements:

- Lift and carry up to 45 lbs occasionally (supplies, equipment, assisting children)
- Regularly sit, kneel, and work at floor level or on child-sized furniture
- Actively supervise children throughout all facility areas (classrooms, playgrounds, common spaces)
- Work indoors in climate-controlled settings and outdoors in variable weather conditions
- Potential exposure to common childhood illnesses