

About UPO

The United Planning Organization (UPO) is the designated Community Action Agency for Washington, DC, and has served the residents of the District since 1962. **Our Vision** for the future is “UPO’s Washington: A city of thriving communities and self-sufficient residents.” **Our Mission** is “Uniting People with Opportunities.” **Our Promise:** Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

About the Office of Early Learning (OEL)

OEL’s Mission

In collaboration with Family and the community, we will educate, empower and support children by providing continuous high quality comprehensive services to achieve successful parent engagement and positive child outcomes. The UPO Office of Early Learning has a special focus on helping children from birth to age 3 to grow and thrive in a healthy, supportive environment. Our Early Head Start programs provide infants and toddlers with the tools needed to develop their social-emotional, physical, cognitive, and language skills—steering them in the direction of happiness and success.

All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply for this position or any other position currently advertised on our website. Please visit us at www.upo.org to view all of our vacancies and to learn more about our company and services.

POSITION:	Lead Teacher
PROGRAM/DIVISION:	Office of Early Learning
BULLETIN No:	11042019
SALARY RANGE:	\$38,000 to \$45,000 (Commensurate with Experience)
OPENING DATE:	April 25, 2019
CLOSING DATE:	Open until filled
FIRST SOURCE:	N/A

MAJOR DUTIES:

Plan and implement standards based on curriculum, engaging enrolled children in early childhood development centers in instructional activities, assessing progress and working with families to enable child growth and development. Develop weekly curriculum plans with instructional staff, following relevant standards, legal requirements, and applicable modifications to adapt to individual child progress needs. Coordinate classroom instruction teaching team, prepare relevant materials and coordinate the application of available resources in the implementation of curriculum plans.

Plan a daily schedule which provides a well-balanced selection of activities: quiet/active, indoor/outdoor, fine/gross motor, etc. Plan and implement child-oriented, self-initiated activities while limiting large group, staff-initiated activities. Direct the implementation of curriculum plans, encouraging social, emotional physical and cognitive skill development through compliant and developmentally-appropriate learning activities and experiences and environmental arrangement.

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Establish and maintain a clean, safe and healthy classroom environment and monitor specific child needs that require intervention from relevant OEL staff or outside partners/resources. Continual observation of performance, behavior, social development and physical health of children, documenting progress and applying appropriate developmental screening and assessment tools and techniques. Communicate verbally and in writing with the families daily regarding the development and specific activities of all children in their primary care.

Demonstrate awareness of all children at all times; children are to be in sight and sound range. Maintain mandated classroom ratios at all times. Maintain accurate attendance records throughout the day.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in early childhood education or related field, i.e., psychology, social work, etc. Must have infant/toddler and/or early childhood education courses totaling 15 credits.

Must be able to work sensitively and effectively with individuals of diverse educational, socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. Ability to effectively use Microsoft Office programs and able to learn and use an electronic time keeping program. Possess effective organizational and professional communication skills, both written and verbal.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Five (5) years of previous teaching and administrative experience. Bilingual/Spanish.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

In the event that an offer is extended, the candidate will be required to successfully complete a criminal background check and/or FBI fingerprinting, as well as pre-employment drug screening, as applicable for the position.

This is a Special Trust position subject to mandatory random drug and alcohol testing.

This position *IS* in the collective bargaining unit of the CWA Union.

Submit your cover letter, resume, and a copy of your transcript indicating you have completed 15 credit hours in infant/toddler course work to upojobs@upo.org or fax all documents to 202/319-3237.