JOB TITLE: Instructional Resource WAGE/HOUR STATUS: Non-Exempt

Specialist/ECP

**REPORTS TO:** Director of Early Childhood Program **TERMS**: 233 Days

**DEPARTMENT:** Early Childhood **PAY GRADE:** Clerical/Par 3

#### PRIMARY PURPOSE:

Provide for the physical, cognitive, social and emotional growth and development of infants and toddlers in a safe and nurturing environment, while contributing to the everyday operations of the program as needed; ensure services comply with Head Start Performance Standards and Minimum Standard Rules for Licensed Child Care Centers

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

## **Education/Certification:**

Associate's degree (or 48 college credit hours), two years of study at an institution of higher learning, or have met formal academic assessment as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Valid Texas Educational Aide Certificate

Infant and Toddler CDA Certification or equivalent required

## Special Knowledge/Skills:

- Knowledge of child development with emphasis on infant and toddler development; knowledge of principles of child health, safety and nutrition; effective communication (with infants, toddlers, parents and other staff)
- Basic computer skills such as data entry, completion of forms, communication intended for staff and parents
- Ability to be a positive role model for children and families
- Communicate effectively with families
- Organize and plan effectively
- Bilingual skills are an asset

## **Experience:**

Prefer at least one year of experience in a childcare center or early childhood setting working as a teacher or teacher-assistant; at least one year of experience with infant/toddler care preferred; Experience with low-income families a plus



### **MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:**

## **Program Planning and Organization**

- 1. Prepare for daily activities by creating and following individualized plans of instruction for each child
- 2. Prepare and maintain a developmentally appropriate classroom learning environment
- 3. Maintain open, two-way communication with families and use information acquired to provide individualized care

## **Implementation of Early Head Start Performance Standards**

- 4. Carry out curriculum plan by providing individualized developmentally appropriate activities for each child
- 5. Respond immediately to infant's and toddler's physical and emotional needs
- 6. Maintain teacher child ratio as mandated by Head Start Performance Standards at all times with constant supervision
- 7. Conduct a minimum of two home visits and two parent-teacher conferences annually
- 8. Ensure that nutritional needs of all children are met; hold infants if unable to feed themselves as a time of positive interaction; encourage self-help and independence by assisting in feeding only when necessary
- 9. Follow all health and safety rules and regulations as outlined in Head Start
- Performance Standards and Minimum Standard Rules for Licensed Child Care Centers

### Implementation of Early Head Start Performance Standards (continued)

- 11. Follow health and safety procedures outlined in Performance Standards when changing diapers, including wearing protective gloves
- 12. Praise acceptable behaviors and redirect unacceptable; encourage children to reflect on their actions
- 13. Model self control and problem solving for children
- 14. Maintain all documentation according to Performance Standards, Region 7 EHS and district/child care procedures

## **MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES: (continued)**

## **Training**

- 15. Attend all required Early Head Start staff development and staff meetings
- 16. Obtain and maintain CPR and First Aid certifications
- 17. Maintain all training requirements as mandated by Performance Standards and child care licensing standards
- 18. Occasional travel for professional development training away from the EHS program site
- 19. Attend all training required for maintaining and/or renewing credentialing

#### **Service Performance Standards**

- 20. Comply with Region 7 and ISD/Center Policies and Procedures
- 21. Maintain confidentiality of all information and records pertaining to children and families
- 22. Demonstrate appropriate and effective classroom interaction strategies
- 23. Plan and accomplish work efficiently
- 24. Demonstrate effective collaboration skills
- 25. Comply with district policies, as well as state and federal laws and regulations
- 26. Adhere to the district's safety policies and procedures
- 27. Maintain confidentiality in the conduct of district business
- 28. Must be able to perform the essential functions of walking and interacting with students and/or district employees in the specific work site assigned (classroom or office setting)
- 29. Demonstrate regular and prompt attendance
- 30. Other duties as assigned

#### SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

None

#### **EQUIPMENT USED:**

Copier, personal computer and appropriate software, typewriter, printer, calculator, fax machine and audio-visual equipment

### **WORKING CONDITIONS:**

#### **Mental Demands:**

Reading, ability to communicate effectively (verbal and written); maintain emotional control under stress; coordinate district-wide curriculum functions; interpret policy, procedures, and data

## **Physical Demands/Environmental Factors:**

Frequent standing, walking, stooping, bending, kneeling, pulling, pushing, lifting, carrying; moving small stacks of textbooks, media equipment, desks, and other classroom equipment; repetitive hand motions; prolonged use of computer terminal possible; occasional district-wide travel; occasional state-wide travel; frequent prolonged and irregular hours; possible biological exposure to bacteria and communicable diseases; specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, and the ability to adjust focus; frequent light lifting and carrying (under 15 pounds); occasional moderate lifting and carrying (15-44 pounds).

#### **EVALUATION:**

Paraprofessional Evaluation

The foregoing statements describe the general purpose and responsibilities assigned to this job and are not an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills that may be required. This job description is not an employment agreement or contract. The administration has the exclusive right to alter this job description at any time without notice.

Printed Name:		
Signature:	Date: _	ESTABLISHED/REVISED: May, 2017