Job Announcement: Playgroup Facilitator

About Us:
In 1973, two mothers Sheila and Mary joined a playgroup and quickly learned that women were struggling to find child care as they entered their workforce in droves. Quickly setting up a hotline and volunteering countless hours, they linked families together to create cooperative child care arrangements and parenting resources.

BANANAS continues to be a vital resource for parents and child care workers. Our mission is to partner with families and child care providers to raise happy, confident children and is supported by a variety of programming to assist parents and child care providers. We provide early childhood educator trainings, on-site Quality Coaching, and ASQ trainings. We also recruit, train, and assist family child care providers in becoming licensed. For families, BANANAS provides referrals to licensed child care programs. Parents looking for nannies, nanny shares, and babysitters are welcome to post on our job listings board. To assist families in raising children, we offer parent education classes, support groups, child care subsidies for low-income working parents, and distribute free clothing, games, books, toys, diapers, and formula in our Boutique.

About the Job:
The Playgroup Facilitator will be responsible for planning and running playgroups using the Kaleidoscope Play & Learn curriculum. Playgroups focus on supporting family, friend, and neighbor caregivers and parents in knowing how they can support children’s healthy development through play and quality adult/child interactions. The Playgroup Facilitator will be responsible for planning for, and leading, playgroups as well as purchasing program materials and recordkeeping.

Qualifications:
• Knowledge of Kaleidoscope Play & Learn curriculum preferred.
• Formal training in early childhood development with a strong commitment to play-based learning.
• At least 2 years of experience working with children ages 1 to 5 years old in an early child development environment.
• Competence in:
  o Caregiver/parent education and family support.
  o Group facilitation and one-on-one coaching.
  o Data collection and reporting.
• Experience in community outreach, preferably in Oakland or Berkeley.
• Spanish/English bilingual a plus.
• Experience working collaboratively with people from a variety of economic, educational, cultural, and familial backgrounds.
• Ability to work independently, problem solve, multi-task, and prioritize multiple demands.
• Ability to meet the physical demands of working with active young children and modeling play activities.
• Ability to regularly lift up to 35 pounds, move and set up chairs and tables.
• Requires TrustLine background clearance.
• Current Infant CPR and First Aid certification highly recommended.
• Requires valid CA driver’s license, reliable transportation, and auto insurance.
• Non-profit experience a plus.

Additional Information:
• Reports to the Provider Services Manager.
• Regular, Part-Time 20 hrs. per week, Non-Exempt
• Competitive Family-Friendly Compensation Package
• Open Until Filled (Issued on: 8/22/2017)

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