

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PLAY AND LEARNING STRATEGIES (PALS) CHILDCARE ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER

Summary: A program of the Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, Play and Learning Strategies (PALS) is a research-based parenting program that teaches parents specific skills to tune-in and respond to their young children's signals and learn to provide appropriate stimulation, supporting their children's social-emotional, cognitive, and language development. PALS strengthens the parent-child bond while promoting the child's school readiness. Designed for parents with 18 month-4 year olds, the program is based around guided practice that parents do with their children in the classroom, supported by nurturing guidance of trained PALS coaches.

As a volunteer, you will work with our Family Support Specialists to deliver age-appropriate educational activities to a group of children (predominately 18 months-4 years) whose parents are participating in a PALS class. You will be responsible for helping supervise and support the children, distribute snacks, and classroom clean-up.

With your assistance, the better we can give the young children participating with PALS the one-on-one attention they deserve!

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Be present and on-time for scheduled shifts
- Play with, care for, and engage children, offering them comfort and respect
- Distribute snacks to children and respond to their needs
- Assist with clean-up and general maintenance of the childcare area

Requirements:

- Must be dependable and patient
- Experience working with young children
- Must be 18 years and older
- Bilingual preferred
- Must have reliable transportation
- Must pass criminal background check
- Maintain strict confidentiality of PALS families

Training & Supervision:

- Opportunity to participate in PALS trainings
- Regularly report to PALS staff

Time Commitment:

- 3 hours per week for 14-week semester
- Semesters run from January-May and September-December

Benefits:

- Gain valuable experience working with young children
- Networking with local nonprofits
- On-going opportunities for training and professional development

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Thank you for being part of our team!