

## Position Description



<b>Position Title</b>	Infant and Toddler Early Learning Partner
<b>Program</b>	Early Learning Corps
<b>Reports to</b>	Program Manager and Internal Coach

## Position Summary

The Infant and Toddler Early Learning Partner is embedded into a nonprofit childcare center or Early Head Start classroom and engages infants and toddlers with language enriching, play-based interactions. This position fosters wrap-around support for infants and toddlers who are in the birth-to-two-years-old (B-2) age range. Additionally, the Early Learning Partner focuses on fostering asset-based, supportive, and caring relationships with caregivers of infant-and-toddler-aged children at both their service site and the surrounding community. This is an AmeriCorps service member position with the AmeriCorps program, Early Learning Corps.

## Essential Functions

### Child Development Support

- Engage infants and toddlers in play-based, developmentally appropriate interactions that promote expressive language development (i.e., singing, reading, talking, counting) and social-emotional well-being (i.e., anti-bias techniques) during daily routines.
- With help from the team, use available classroom data to determine children who need additional one-on-one or small group support in early language, numeracy, and social-emotional domains.
- Create and implement an action plan to intensify and target direct services to children who need support in early language, numeracy, and social-emotional domains.
- Build asset-based relationships with the caregivers of young children (e.g., seeing families from a position of strength, sharing celebrations and affirmations about the child, sustained efforts to get to know caregivers, problem-solving).
- With direction from site, develop and execute at least one project to serve as a recourse to caregivers of infants and toddlers. This could include creation of literacy activities, family engagement activities, caregiver reflection opportunities, etc.
- Provide complete, accurate, and timely documentation of child and caregiver participation using provided documentation processes.
- Participate in regular coaching sessions to reflect on child and caregiver interactions, plan, problem-solve and set goals, act on constructive feedback. Coaching sessions will include a cycle of observations, feedback, and goal-setting.
- Adapt to meet the needs of the community being served and commit to culturally responsive care and equity-skill building.
- Develop a relationship of respect and trust with the site staff, particularly through understanding the unique role of and challenges faced by early childhood educators.

### Communication

- Practice inclusive and thoughtful behavior in building rapport with program participants, site stakeholders and program staff; maintains professional boundaries.
- Communicate regularly and effectively with program staff and site personnel.
- Report data in online systems in a timely and accurate manner.

### Attendance

- Demonstrate regular, timely attendance and adherence to hours as scheduled.
- Commit to service for the full-service term, serving the total commitment of hours within the term.
- Participate in all required Ampact sponsored training sessions, meetings, and coaching sessions, travel as necessary.
- Represent Ampact at site-sponsored activities (e.g., family night) and provide education about Early Learning Corps and B-2 focus. Recruit community volunteers to participate in site-based events or literacy focused programming.
- Actively participate in service projects and commemorating days such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (as applicable). These may include evening and/or weekend hours.
- Be an ambassador of the program by submitting member stories and participating in outreach activities.

### Minimum Qualifications

- Must be 18 years of age or older by two weeks prior to your start date.
- Must have at least a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent by your start date.
- Must be either a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident of the United States.
- Must pass mandatory National Service Criminal History Checks.
- Must not have served four or more prior terms of service with AmeriCorps State or National.
- Speak, read, and write English fluently.
- Basic computer skills, including the ability to navigate online systems and email.

### Preferred Qualifications

- Be flexible and adaptable to change, open to ideas and willing to try new things, and comfortable working with a project in development.
- Experience with or interest in working with young children and/or adult caregivers.
- Previous experience working with diverse racial communities.

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