

## **Child Care Lead Teacher**

### **Gateway Mission**

#### **Background**

Gateway Mission is a ministry that declares and demonstrates Christ's transforming power by providing housing and programs for the hurting and homeless, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

We provide overnight shelter and meals for homeless men, women, and women with children. Gateway Mission also provides a robust 10-month addictions and discipleship program for adults who desire to receive in-depth education and work training, biblical instruction and transitional development opportunities.

Our ministry is funded primarily through compassionate individuals, churches, businesses, companies and foundations, but also through the revenue from our resale stores. The generosity of our community, in both monetary and material donations, is vital to the help and hope we provide our guests.

#### **Gateway Mission Women & Children's Center/Child Care**

Gateway Mission operates the Women's & Children's Center where we provide a warm, safe, loving environment for women and women with children.

Child Care functions as part of the Center providing a Christ-centered, life-giving environment which earns the trust of both the families we love and the children we serve.

#### **Child Care Lead Teacher**

The Lead Teacher's role is to care for, teach, and minister to the children who are living at the Center. Caring for children from a diverse background including trauma, poverty, and homelessness requires both compassion and understanding. Communicating with parents from a ministry mind set is also necessary for success in this role.

The ideal candidate has:

#### **Education & Experience:**

- CDA, Associates, or Bachelor's in Early Childhood required

- Minimum 3 semester hours, 4.5 CEUs, or 45 hours of Mi Registry approved infant and toddler development and care practices.
- 1-2 years' experience working with children required
- Valid certification in Infant/Child/Adult CPR/First Aid/Blood-Borne Pathogens or certification upon hire.
- Experience/knowledge of homelessness culture preferred
- Experience/knowledge of what God is doing through the ministry of Rescue Missions preferred

**Skills & Abilities:**

- Must love children – especially high-risk inner-city children.
- Must have organizational, time management, multitasking and networking skills.
- Must be able to communicate effectively with variety of people in various circumstances.
- Must be able to interact in a positive way with guests, volunteers, and other staff – be a team player.
- Must have leadership gifts commensurate with position demands.
- Must be CPR/First Aid certified or willing to obtain

**Personal Characteristics:**

Fulfill all aspects of position job description according to the biblical principles and philosophy of ministry as defined by the Gateway Mission Statement of Faith, Principles of Influence/Qualifications for Employment, and Mission/Vision/Values profile.

**To Apply:**

For a complete job description or to apply with resume/cover letter email [HR@hopefoundhere.org](mailto:HR@hopefoundhere.org) For a full list of open positions visit [Careers - Hope Found Here](#). Phone inquiries may be directed to **Deb Vogel** at **616.396.2200**. Accepting resumes thru **March 25, 2022**.

**Videos:**

Gateway Mission You Tube Channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrepithmcaSGnASoG067GEA/videos>