Job Summary:

To manage a caseload of children/families for the purposes of assessing and measuring early childhood development and assisting the family and child care provider in obtaining the resources necessary to meet the child's developmental stages; and to conduct environmental ratings of family child care sites and operations. General supervision is provided by a Program Coordinator.

Job Title: Education Specialist I, II, III (9708, 9709, 9710)

Essential Functions:

- Manage a caseload which requires conducting initial and on-going assessments to measure developmental domains i.e. cognitive, social-emotional, language, physical development health and safety.
- Establish and maintain, using hard copy and automated format, a variety of documents, files, records, communication logs, narratives and reports related to case management and in support of caseload activities.
- Interview parents to assess the general health and developmental status of children and where appropriate make and coordinate referrals with respect to health, nutritional, or educational needs.
- Conduct parent conferences to share the child's progress in the various development areas.
- Conduct dental, vision and hearing assessments, make referrals and follow up.
- Perform site visits to conduct environmental rating assessments of family childcare providers; determine compliance with established environmental and licensing standards and, where appropriate, make recommendations to correct deficiencies and ensure compliance within a reasonable time period.
- Train family childcare providers in the area of curriculum and other standards, regulations, and processes.
- On a regular basis plan, organize, and coordinate parent and/or provider informational workshops.
- Interpret regulations and program requirements and communicate these to parents, providers and the general public.
- Stay abreast of new developments in the area of child development by attending conferences and workshops, participating in webinars and reading relevant journals.
- Maintain effective and professional working relationships with collateral agencies and community organizations.
- Perform related duties as required.

Knowledge and/or Abilities:

Abilities to:

- Operate standard office machines, such as calculator and computer
- Make arithmetic calculations quickly and accurately
- Read, interpret and apply rules, policies and procedures
- Collect and evaluate information, draw valid conclusions and take appropriate action.
- Effectively apply interviewing and listening techniques sufficient to obtain information from families and providers.
- Prepare materials for presentations to individuals and groups.
- Write clear, concise and grammatically correct narrative, reports, records, and correspondence.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff, families and other agency personnel.
- Use patience, tact and respect when dealing with people of various socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.
- Communicate clearly to explain technical information and regulations to persons from a variety of backgrounds, both verbally and in writing.
- Prioritize and organize workload and manage deadlines.
- Follow written and verbal directions and seek guidance when appropriate.

- Retain and recall pertinent information such as regulations and client data.
- Keep systematic and accurate records
- Maintain confidentiality of all business information and materials.
- Work independently with minimal supervision.
- Speak, read and write English.
- Speak, read and write Spanish preferred/necessary.

Knowledge of:

- Math including fractions and percentages
- Interviewing methods and techniques
- Record keeping principles
- Child developmental stages, theory and concepts.
- Caseload management methods and techniques
- Microsoft operating systems including Word, Excel, and Access
- Common social, economic, and cultural issues and barriers encountered by unemployed persons and low-income working families.
- Federal, state and local rules, regulations, policies and procedures governing licensed child facilities.

Working Conditions and Physical Abilities: Office; Will occasionally travel using personal vehicle for work related activities; Moderate noise level; Sitting extended periods of time; Regularly lift and move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift and move up to 50 pounds; Reaching above the shoulders and horizontally to retrieve items; Regular bending, stooping, and crouching.

Education and Experience Required:

- Level I Requires an Associate's Degree in Child Development, Social Services or a related field.
- Level II Requires a Bachelor's Degree in Child Development, Social Services or a related field.
- Level III Requires a Bachelor's Degree in Child Development, Social Services or a related field and an additional 30 college units (post Bachelor degree).

Certificates, Licenses, Clearances Testing and/or Bonding Required:

- Valid California Driver's License and use of personal vehicle.
- Department of Justice and FBI Fingerprint Response.
- Proof of automobile liability insurance.
- Possess or qualify for a Child Development Teacher Permit.

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

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This organization is a Drug and Tobacco - Free Workplace

This organization requires a successful candidate to provide it with employment eligibility and verification of a legal right to work in the United States in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act.

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