

**ANDREW FLECK CHILDREN'S SERVICES
JOB DESCRIPTION**

JOB CLASS: EarlyON Educator

JOB TITLE: EarlyON Educator

LOCATION: ONTARIO EARLYON CENTRE, 2330 DON REID DRIVE

REPORTS TO: Director, EarlyON Centre

SUMMARY:

Provides and supports the delivery of core services at the EarlyON Centre – Ottawa South Program AFCS. The EarlyON Educator meets the early years needs of the Ottawa South community which include early learning activities, parent resources and training, pre- and post-natal resources, information and referral, volunteer coordination and outreach services.

The staff of the EarlyON Centre work as a team to deliver the services of the Centre.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

- Provides services to meet the early years needs of providers and parents of children ages 0 to 6 in the Ottawa South community. The services will be accessible to all families, regardless of socio-economic background, culture, language or special needs, and will help give children a healthy start.
- Performs duties in accordance with the mission statement and core values of AFCS and the mandate of the EarlyON Centre.

AS MEMBERS OF A TEAM, THE PARENT RESOURCE WORKERS WILL PLAY KEY SUPPORTING ROLES IN THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND ACTIVITIES:

EARLY LEARNING ACTIVITIES

1. Plans and develops varied playgroup programs with playgroups leaders on and off-site to meet child and adult needs; plans activities appropriate to the ages and developmental stages of the children which include art, dramatic play, science, music, language and sensory activities to enable parents and caregivers to provide similar developmental activities in the home and elsewhere; encourages and facilitates participants to assume responsibility for the organization and ongoing operation of the playgroups.

2. Implements program plans on a daily basis; provides a welcoming, nurturing environment and activities which encourage interaction among children and adults across culture; role models appropriate interaction and behaviour management techniques with children; supports adults in solving problems with understanding and referrals to resources and programs.
3. Develops and supports playgroups and other resources at satellite sites.
4. Assists in the management and maintenance of the Toy and Game Library and the Parent Resource Library; identifies the need for the purchase of toys and games suitable for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-aged children, and children with special needs; identifies the need for the purchase of resource books; assists in the development and maintenance of the large equipment program.
5. Coordinates literacy and other learning activities as an effective basis for language acquisition skills

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

1. Coordinates and provides information and advice to parents/caregivers on such topics as parenting, developmental milestones, pre- and post-natal care.
2. Provides information and helps parents link to other early year programs and services in the community, such as child care services, health services, assessment services and recreation programs.
3. Assists in supporting and informing the parents/caregivers and the community through written resource materials, newsletters, and other means of communication; provides services to on-site clients; responds to telephone and e-mail requests.
4. Maintains and develops EarlyON information and resources

TRAINING

1. Identifies parents/caregivers training needs; develops training plans and arranges workshops meeting identified needs; plans and delivers the workshops when needed.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION / STUDENT SUPERVISION

1. Identifies duties and tasks for the volunteers; ensures compliance of policies and procedures; assists in identifying community resources; recruits, interviews and assigns volunteers; arranges volunteer orientation and training required for

specific tasks; assists in developing mechanisms for volunteer recognition (informal and formal).

2. Supervises student placements; assists the students in learning about and working with the clients within the mandate of the agency and provides input to the students' evaluation

OUTREACH

1. Participates in external committees where appropriate, participates in outreach activities appropriate to the programs; assists in the development of publicity material.
2. Assists in the development and implementation of outreach strategies for the program.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Coordinates, supports and supervises playgroup leaders, volunteers and students and schedules their tasks; conducts evaluations.
2. Greets the public; answers the phone; performs other required administrative duties.
3. Maintains healthy and safe environment; removes or fixes unsafe equipment and toys; performs light housekeeping duties as required; sanitizes toys and equipment; secures facilities.
4. Maintains attendance records, statistics and other data gathering requirements of the EarlyON Centre

OTHER DUTIES

1. Participates in agency work and the broader community; reports to OEYC Director at least monthly; organizes OEYC fundraising events; participates in OEYC staff meetings and committees; liaises with other AFCS programs.
2. Maintains current knowledge of services and resources; updates computer program knowledge; recommends program and policy updates
3. Performs other related duties as assigned by the EarlyON Director
4. Works in accordance with Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Standards

QUALIFICATIONS

- RECE – Diploma in Early Childhood Education or Equivalent recognized by the College of Early Childhood Educators and Registration with the College of Early Childhood Educators
- Minimum of five years of experience working with families and children
- Experience and proven ability in working with adults
- Extensive knowledge of early years child development
- Strong organizational, interpersonal and communication skills
- Working knowledge of related community resources in the City of
 - Ottawa
- Sensitivity and respect for individual and cultural differences
- Demonstrated flexibility and ability to work effectively in a team
- Strong group presentation and facilitation skills
- Working knowledge of both official languages is required for some
 - positions
- Other languages appropriate to the community served would be an
 - asset.
- Availability to work flexible hours
- Knowledge of word processing, data management and other computer skills compatible with what is current in the software industry as well as what is being used at AFCS
- Access to a car is essential
- Knowledge of special needs would be an asset