

Children's Ministry Program Specialist

Where: Fairlawn Avenue United Church (Yonge & Lawrence)

Close Date: Friday, August 23 2019

Wage: \$17.00/hour + 4% Vacation Pay

Term: 39-week contract position, subject to renewal

About Fairlawn

Fairlawn Avenue United Church has a rich and proud history as a passionate and active congregation with exceptional offerings to our congregation and broader community.

Through a strategic planning process we launched a plan known as *The Fairlawn Call* with a Mission to help people *Connect with what matters in life by Exploring Spirituality, Experience Belonging and Embracing Action*. Our vision is to be a welcoming, vibrant church community. In early 2019 we began conducting additional research to refine our programming.

The Position

The Children's Ministry Program Specialist (CMPS) position has been created to support our innovative Children's Ministry Program known as Spirit Space For Kids! and other Youth programming. This is a multi-age, choice-focused children and youth ministry. As one of our four CMPS's, you will lead a 30-40 minute "worship centre" each week related to an area of interest/expertise (i.e., drama, visual arts, movement, dialogue/debate, poetry/writing, videography, etc.) to bring biblical stories alive. Worship centres will be planned in collaboration with the Children, Youth and Lay Ministry Facilitator. CMPS's assist with the occasional mid-week programming and on some Sundays facilitate intergenerational worship opportunities. Each CMPS works 5-6 hours a week (3.5 hours on Sundays from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm) commencing Sunday, September 8, 2019 for a total of 39 weeks.

Relevant Experience

- 2-3 years working in an explorative setting with children and youth.
- Passionate about children and learning through creative expression.
- Program planning for a varied audience including seniors, adults, young adults, children and youth.

Qualifications

- Minimum OSSD or GED;
- Vulnerable Sector Check;
- Standard First Aid with Level C CPR;
- Basic understanding and application of Microsoft Office Software (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint);
- Patient, understanding, flexible team player who is committed and driven;
- Excellent communication, conflict resolution and group facilitation skills;
- Engage and build rapport with parents and guardians of program participants;
- Creative, out-of-the-box thinking.

Additional Qualifications (Not Mandatory)

- Food Handling Certificate;
- Familiarity with or willingness to learn about the “Godly Play” storytelling technique would be an asset;
- Previous experience in a church setting;
- Experience in the arts; music or dance;
- Interest in or understanding of social justice advocacy.

Remuneration

A wage of \$17.00 per hour plus 4% vacation pay. There will be a 3-month probationary period and a vulnerable sector police records check will be required prior to starting the position.

How to Apply

After reviewing the job description, please submit your resume with an accompanying cover letter summarizing how your previous experience qualifications relate for this position.

Kindly submit your application with the subject line: Children’s Ministry Program Specialist to
churchoffice@fairlawnavenueunited.ca

The application deadline is Friday, August 23rd. We thank all those who apply. Only suitable candidates will be contacted. No phone calls please.