

Toddler Lead Teacher

SUNY Plattsburgh Child Care Center

Plattsburgh, NY

Teacher

Full-time

Onsite

\$18.00 - \$20.00 an hour*

* wage within this range is determined by education level and years of experience

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Organization Statement

Since 1985, our private, nonprofit early childhood program has been providing high-quality care and education for children aged 2 months to 5 years. Located on a college campus in Plattsburgh, we operate year-round, Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. We serve families from the campus community—including faculty, staff, and students—as well as from the greater Plattsburgh area.

Our developmentally appropriate, play-based curriculum supports children's holistic growth in inclusive, nurturing continuity-of-care classrooms.

As a host site for college students we support both young learners and emerging professionals.

We have a long-standing reputation as a **positive and supportive workplace** where staff work closely together toward a shared goal: preparing young children to become lifelong learners and active, productive members of society. Our dedicated teaching teams value collaboration, reflective practice, and ongoing professional growth. We are committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for all children, families, and staff.

Job Description

We are seeking a warm, responsive, and dedicated full-time **Toddler Teacher** to join our early care and education team. The teacher will work in a continuity-of-care classroom with toddlers aged 21–32 months as of September 1. The ideal candidate will embrace a child-centered, inclusive approach and work in partnership with an assistant teacher, families, and administrators to create a safe, engaging, and developmentally appropriate learning environment

and curriculum.

- Full-time, year-round position (Monday–Friday)
- **Shift 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM**
- Benefits package includes paid time off, professional development support, and more

Responsibilities

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- Build responsive, nurturing relationships with toddlers and support their social-emotional development.
- Plan and implement play-based, developmentally appropriate experiences aligned with children's interests and developmental stages.
- Maintain a safe, clean, and organized classroom environment that supports exploration and independence.
- Observe, document, and assess children's development to inform curriculum planning and parent communication.
- Collaborate effectively with co-teachers, program leadership, and support staff.
- Foster strong partnerships with families through daily communication and family engagement.
- Participate in ongoing professional development, reflective supervision, and staff meetings.

Qualifications

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- High School Diploma **and** a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential with
 - Minimum of **2 years** experience working with young children, including at least **1 year with infants or toddlers**
- **OR**
- Associate's or Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or a related field with
 - Minimum of **1 year of experience working with children age 2 or younger**
- Strong understanding of developmentally appropriate practice and responsive caregiving

- Ability to work collaboratively and respectfully within a teaching team
- Willingness to learn and implement the **HighScope Curriculum** approach
- **Minimum Education Level:** CDA Credential
- **Preferred Education Level:** Bachelor's Degree

Application Instructions

Please submit a resume and cover letter to Sally Girard at girardsa@plattsburgh.edu. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.