

Lead Teacher

Bright Start Child Learning Center

Long Island City, NY 11101

Teacher

Full-time

Onsite

\$18.00 - \$18.00 an hour

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Organization Statement

Bright Start Child Learning Center is a community-rooted early childhood education center in Long Island City, NY, dedicated to expanding access to quality early education for children ages 6 months to 4 years. We serve a diverse, multilingual community in Queens and are proud participants in the NYC DOE 3K for All program, making free pre-K accessible to families who need it most.

Our six classrooms are led by passionate educators who believe that the earliest years of a child's life are the most formative. At Bright Start, teachers are not just caregivers — they are curriculum builders, family partners, and advocates for equity in early childhood education. We are committed to the professional growth of our staff and provide ongoing training, mentorship, and a collaborative team environment.

If you are passionate about child development, social justice, and making a lasting difference in your community, Bright Start is a place where your work truly matters.

Job Description

About the Role

Bright Start Child Learning Center is seeking a warm, dedicated, and experienced Lead Teacher for our Toddler classroom serving children ages 1–2 years. As a Lead Teacher, you will play a central role in creating a safe, nurturing, and developmentally rich environment where toddlers can explore, grow, and thrive. You will work closely with families and colleagues to ensure every child receives individualized attention and care.

Responsibilities

Key Responsibilities

- Plan, implement, and document a developmentally appropriate, play-based curriculum aligned with toddler milestones
- Build and maintain warm, consistent relationships with children that support their social-emotional development
- Communicate regularly and proactively with families through daily updates, conferences, and written progress reports
- Collaborate with assistant teachers and center leadership to maintain a cohesive, supportive classroom team
- Observe and document children's development to inform curriculum planning and family conversations
- Maintain a clean, organized, and welcoming classroom environment

Qualifications

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- Associate's or Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or related field (or equivalent experience)
- NYS teaching certification or Child Development Associate (CDA) credential preferred
- Prior experience working with toddlers in a licensed childcare or early education setting
- Strong communication skills and a genuine passion for working with young children and families
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment
- **Minimum Education Level:** Associate's Degree
- **Preferred Education Level:** Bachelor's Degree

Application Instructions

To apply, please send your resume to lic@brightstartcenter.com with the subject line "Lead Teacher — Toddler Classroom." We look forward to hearing from you!