

Infant & Toddler Head Teacher (West Side Ymca)

YMCA of Greater New York

New York, NY 10023

Teacher

Full-time

Onsite

\$66,300 - \$66,300 a year

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Organization Statement

The YMCA of Greater New York is here for all New Yorkers — to empower youth, improve health, and strengthen community. Founded in 1852, today the Y serves a diverse population of more than half a million New Yorkers who learn, grow, and thrive through programs and services at our 24 branches. Community is the cornerstone of the Y. Together, we connect active, engaged New Yorkers to build stronger communities.

To help fulfill our mission, we cultivate a culture of learning, leading, and collaboration to enhance community impact. Through our talented staff and “LEAP” career framework (Leadership, Empowerment, Accountability, Personal Growth), we are committed to a people-first approach that fosters trust, inclusion, growth, and development for all.

Job Description

Salary: \$66,300 Annually

The YMCA of Greater New York, New York City’s leading nonprofit community service and wellness organization, is seeking a Head Teacher for a Toddler or Infant classroom at the West Side YMCA. The Head Teacher will plan and implement a developmentally appropriate curriculum that supports and encourages the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical needs of infants and toddlers. They will work within the framework of the Center’s program to carry out its functions, policies, and procedures, including, but not limited to, student assessments, work sampling, individualized plans, and parent/family engagement. The Head Teacher will supervise, coach, and support Assistant Teachers and Activity Specialists as appropriate.

Benefits:

The YMCA of Greater New York offers a variety of benefits to its staff members, including [retirement benefits](#), medical, paid time off, free YMCA membership, and more! Benefit eligibility is determined by an individual's employment status (i.e., full-time or part-time), tenure, and/or the number of hours scheduled to work. Click [here](#) for more information.

How to Apply:

If you would like to be a member of our dynamic team, please complete our [online application](#) and submit your résumé and a thoughtful cover letter that explains your interest in the role and our organization.

Responsibilities

- Ensure the health, safety, and well-being of children in the program by providing close supervision of all activities.
- Plan developmentally appropriate and engaging lessons and activities.
Implement lessons and activities, including, but not limited to literacy, arts, math, cooking, science, outdoor/indoor recreation, field trips, etc.
- Develop classroom centers that respond to children's interests and are coordinated with the ongoing curriculum.
- Facilitate student assessments and work sampling.
- Work with parents/guardians to promote understanding of the growth and development of their child. Effectively communicate with parents/guardians, verbally and in written form, throughout the school year.
- Encourage parent/guardian participation in special events, meetings, and in-class volunteer opportunities.
- Work as a supportive team member within the Early Childhood Learning Center and the YMCA Branch and supervise Assistant Teachers, Early Childhood Specialists, and Volunteers.
- Maintain a clean and safe classroom environment.
- Maintain accurate program documentation, including, but not limited to, incident/accident/behavior reports, attendance sheets, sign-in/ sign-out sheets, development/growth forms, documentation of eating and sleeping, parent/guardian surveys,

etc.

- Ensure that all YMCA of Greater New York, Department of Health, and Department of Education (if applicable) guidelines are followed.
- Actively participate in designated meetings, training sessions, and special events.

Qualifications

- **MUST have ONE of the below:**
 - **Level I:** Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education (practicum included) and five years of experience; OR Child Development Associate (CDA) certification and an APPROVED DOH study plan (before hire) leading to an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education within seven years.
 - **Level II:** Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education (or related field) and State teacher certification; OR Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and one year of experience.
 - **Level III:** Master's degree in Early Childhood Education (or related field) and State teacher certification
- Strong interpersonal skills, leadership qualities, and comfortable working with diverse youth and adults.
- **Minimum Education Level:** Associate's Degree
- **Preferred Education Level:** Associate's Degree

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Language Requirements

English