



## WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES POSITION DESCRIPTION

**JOB TITLE:** Master Teacher

(This position will be used at any of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Child Development Centers, WCDC, WSRP or Star Academy)

**DEPARTMENT:** Administrative & Office Staff

**LOCATION:** Offsite: WCDC, WSRP or Star Academy, Anadarko, OK

**REPORTS TO:** Center Director

**JOB SUMMARY:**

Master Teacher provides care for children in child friendly setting; support and opportunity for emotional and social development; and encourages positive self-concepts and understanding of others. Also, mentors Teachers, Teacher Assistants, and Volunteers using the Early Learning Guidelines and best practices. This position may work outside of the normal work week.

**CORE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Most important responsibility is the care, safety, and well-being of all children in the Wichita Child Development Center (WCDC), Wichita School Readiness Program (WSRP), and Wichita Star Academy.
2. Maintains a professional attitude and a flexible, positive approach to the job.
3. Maintains prompt hours and immediately notifies the Center Director in the event of illness or absence from work.
4. Maintains appropriate records and fully understands confidentiality
5. Manages the program planning and development of the classroom assigned. Also provides input on program development and evaluation.
6. Participates in achieving the objectives of the WCDC, WSRP and Star Academy. Understands and applies the philosophy of the WCDC, WSRP and Star Academy.

7. Submits lesson plans to Center Director for approval.
8. Actively contributes to childcare functions geared towards the enrichment of child, parent, and staff interrelations and program planning and development.
9. Work together with other teachers as a team and provide guidance and support when a Teacher's Assistant has been assigned to the classroom.
10. Help with the general care and cleanliness of equipment and materials of the center.
11. Attends staff meetings and required trainings as scheduled. Assists in training of other staff members.

### **Responsibilities regarding Children:**

1. Prepares a stimulating program/lesson plan of activities for his/her group with attention to individual development, emotional, physical, psychological, and social needs of each child; ensure respect for individual initiative, and the safety and health of the children.
2. Observes and monitors children's play activities. Setting up the physical environment to meet the changing needs of the group of children for whom he/she is caring.
3. Promotes good nutritional habits and sees that there is a calm atmosphere for lunch, snacks, and nap time. Instructs children in health and personal habits such as eating, resting, and toilet habits.
4. Demonstrates verbally, and by role modeling, a sound knowledge of good teaching practice and knowledge of child growth and development.
5. Provide parents with a daily written report of child's behavior and activities; provides parents with current child development information as requested/needed. Keeps records on individual children, including observations and information about activities, meals served, and medications administered.
6. Identifies signs of emotional or developmental problems in children and brings them to parents' or guardians' attention. Responsibility to communicate with the Center Director any concerns arising from a child's difficulty in coping with the program, and to work with the Center Director towards a solution.
7. Disciplines children and recommends or initiates other measures to control behavior, such as caring for own clothing and picking up toys and books.
8. In the event that a child appears ill, it is the Master Teacher's responsibility to see that steps are taken to protect the health of the child and the other children in consultation with the Center Director.

9. If child abuse is suspected, required by law to report the incident and required to cooperate fully in the investigation of any allegations.

### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

1. Possess a High School Diploma or GED, and be at least 18 years of age.
2. Must have completed training at a Level 3, specifically met by an Oklahoma Competency Certificate, with a Master Teacher emphasis; or Level 4 or higher.
3. Prefer at least two (2) years of experience working in a child care center setting and demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development.
4. Have the ability to interpret and follow program guidelines relating to the Child Care Development Fund, Department of Human Services Child Care Licensing, and related programs.
5. Must have communication skills, both oral and written, to interact with staff, officials, parents, and other individuals regarding program and client matters.
6. Must obtain food handler's permit and First Aid/CPR certification within 60 days of employment.
7. Proven ability to work well with Indian families and children, and must have positive human interaction skills.
8. Must have the ability to organize and maintain clear and concise records.

### **WORK ENVIRONMENT:**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Work primarily in a climate controlled environment, but will be exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, high temperatures, and other outside weather conditions. Frequent stressful conditions. Frequent near vision use for reading and computer use. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate to occasionally loud.

### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Must be physically able to operate a variety of office equipment and pass a physical exam. Must be able to stoop, crawl, kneel, and bend in order to speak to children at the child's eye level, to play with children, and to pick up toys/equipment off the floor. The employee must frequently lift, carry, and move more than 25 pounds.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Possession of a valid Oklahoma Driver's License. Subject to a background check and drug screening. Must sign a Confidentiality Agreement and abide by confidentiality regarding program and personnel matters. This position may work outside of the normal work week. Direct Deposit is required.

This certifies that I have read the position description and I am capable of performing all essential functions of the job.

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**EMPLOYEE**

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**DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR**

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**CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER**

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**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

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