

Child Care Center Director

Gretchen's House Child Care Centers

Job Snapshot

Location:
Lansing Community College
Lansing, MI 48910

Base Pay: **\$47,000 /Year**

Bonus: **\$1,000.00**

Other Pay: **Flexible benefit plan / Health & Dental Insurance**

Employee Type: **Full-Time**

Industry: **Education - Teaching - Administration**

Manages Others: **Yes**

Job Type: **Education**

Education: **4 Year Degree**

Experience: **At least 2 year(s)**

Travel: **Negligible**

Relocation Covered: **No**

Post Date: **1/12/2010**

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Gretchen's House Child Care Centers have been providing child development programs for infants through school age children in the Ann Arbor, Michigan area for over twenty-five years. We currently serve more than 500 families at seven locations in Ann Arbor, one in Pontiac, and one in Houghton, MI. Our newest center, scheduled to open in August, 2010, will be on the campus of **Lansing Community College** in Lansing, Michigan. This is a laboratory school and will involve the education and training of Lansing Community College students in coordination with the Lansing Community College professional teaching staff. It will be licensed for approximately 90 children and has been primarily designed to care for the children of students attending the College.

Gretchen's House Child Care Centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This accreditation is reviewed every five years and is a significant indicator of a high level of quality child care.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Young children learn by doing! They acquire knowledge of their world through playful interaction with objects and people. Children are motivated to learn by their own desire to make sense of their world.

OUR GOALS

Gretchen's House provides a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment that promotes the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children and responds to the needs of families. Our parents and staff are partners, working together to meet the needs of the children and their families.

OUR CURRICULUM

Gretchen's House is a play-based program. Daily experiences for children are based on the Reggio Emilio Approach. Each day children are provided with time for free choices using a variety of materials and spaces. Some activities are teacher planned and guided, but each child chooses which activity, materials, or space he/she wishes to use. We strive to challenge and stimulate each child at his/her own developmental level and foster a positive self-image by accepting each child as an individual. The following elements are part of our regular program for the children.

WHAT SETS US APART FROM OTHER CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS?

- Small group sizes, low staff-to-child ratios, and primary caregivers for each child.
- Small group ("family group") time each day with the primary caregiver.
- Highly-trained and educated teachers. (On-going training is provided.)
- Developmentally appropriate curriculum and teaching practices that engage and challenge children and provide many levels of success.
- A daily routine that balances quiet and active play and provides a variety of large-motor experiences.
- Plenty of outdoor play including interest centers and neighborhood walks.
- Field trips (as age-appropriate) approximately once a month.

Requirements

This position, available in April, will involve the start up of a new center (licensed for 90 children) scheduled to open in August, 2010.

A Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education (or closely related field) is required, along with a minimum of two years teaching and supervisory experience. Applicants must be familiar with NAEYC and Reggio Emilio, and must also be willing to give a minimum of a three year commitment.

**Elementary Education applicants must have a ZA (Early Childhood) endorsement.*

To learn more about our programs, please visit our website at www.gretchenshouse.com or contact Michele Davis at michele.davis@gretchenshouse.com.