



PLAY ADVENTURES

Playworker and Volunteers needed for upcoming Pop Up Play Days and Programs. Training will occur prior to the events and scheduled with the Director. The volunteer's position is slightly different, and this will be discussed in our training.

Position Overview: Creates open-ended, child-directed play opportunities for the Play Adventures program. Provides space, time, and materials for children to know themselves and their peers, and to explore through self-directed play. Collaborates with the Adventure Play (AP) Team regarding the children's health and well-being.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ability to create a climate that is conducive to free play - behavior that is personally directed, freely chosen, and intrinsically motivated.
- Demonstrate professionalism and best practices in playwork.
- Offer creative ideas and materials to support a wide range of play types and opportunities.
- Provides an environment that is welcoming and safe for child-directed play.
- Maintain Adventure Playground, including restocking and organizing materials.
- Conduct reflection on play activities after pop ups.
- Perform regular risk assessments in collaboration with the AP Team.

Competencies & Attributes:

- Flexible, Adaptable, and Patient: On any given day, a playworker might help children build a fort, be involved in a water fight, observe play from a discrete distance, or clear out materials that aren't being used. A playworker does not provide specific activities but responds to children's ideas and needs in a playful and non-judgmental manner.
- Ability to communicate and collaborate within a team: The playworker balances being deeply present for individual children "in the moment" while observing the play site. Communication with other playworkers and adult caregivers is essential. Willingness to learn and grow through the reflective process and professional development opportunities.
- Ability to separate widely held preconceptions around adult-child relationships, and children's capacities.
- Excellent time management, ability to prioritize, and problem-solve independently.
- Ability to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions

Education/Experience:

- Experience working with children, in formal or informal environments is required.
- Experience working on a team.