Child Care Lead Teacher

Gateway Mission

Gateway Mission serves as a first step toward a new life for homeless men, women and children across West Michigan.

We provide emergency services and long-term discipleship programs that offer help and lasting hope. This Christ-centered care helps our neighbors overcome the root issues of poverty, addiction and homelessness so they can rebuild their lives, from the inside out. Our desire is to help every person who walks through our doors experience lasting transformation . . .From broken to beautiful. From lost to loved. From hopeless to hopeful.

Gateway Mission is committed to seeing lives transformed through a relationship with Jesus Christ. It takes a team of dedicated men and women who have been called by Christ to accomplish this mission.

Gateway Mission Women & Children's Center/Child Care

Recognizing that lack of childcare is a significant barrier to moving forward for mothers with children, we offer childcare to participants in our Pathway and Gateway programs. Without childcare they often cannot get the help they need to overcome life's challenges.

Gateway Childcare was created to be a service to moms with children living in our shelter. We are a state-licensed childcare facility accepting children birth-12 years housed at Gateway Mission. Our mission is to provide children a loving, quality, learning environment that shows them the love of Christ. We are passionate about teaching each child not only the curriculum but about God's plan for their life and how to love one another as God loves us.

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The Lead Teacher's role is to care for children from a diverse background including trauma, poverty, and homelessness requires both compassion and understanding. Communicating with parents from a ministry mind set is also necessary for success in this role.

The ideal candidate has:

Education & Experience:

- CDA, Associates, or a bachelor's in early childhood education required
- Minimum 3 semester hours, 4.5 CEUs, or 45 hours of Michigan Registry approved infant and toddler development and care practices or willing to obtain required

- Minimum 1-2 years' experience working with children required
- Experience with special needs children preferred
- Experience/knowledge of homelessness culture preferred
- Experience/knowledge of what God is doing through the ministry of Rescue Missions preferred

Skills & Abilities:

- Basic organizational, time management, multitasking and networking skills
- Ability to communicate effectively – written, verbal and electronic communication
- Ability to engage with children and parents from a diverse background
- Basic computer skills (Microsoft Office 365, Outlook, data entry)
- Ability to obtain CPR/First Aid/AED/BBP training

Personal Characteristics:

Fulfill all aspects of position job description according to the biblical principles and philosophy of ministry as defined by the Gateway Mission Statement of Faith, Principles of Influence/Qualifications for Employment, and Mission/Vision/Values profile.

To Apply:

For a complete job description or to apply with resume/cover letter email HR@hopefoundhere.org For a full list of open positions visit Careers - Hope Found Here. Phone inquiries may be directed to **Deb Vogel** at **616.396.2200.** Accepting resumes through **October 23,2026.**

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