

Family Engagement Specialist

About Educare DC

Educare DC is an early childhood education program that strives to give at-risk young children the skills necessary for success in Kindergarten and beyond. Educare DC is a NAEYC-accredited Head Start program that serves 160 children from birth to age five in a full-day, full-year school. Our school is part of the Educare Learning Network (ELN), made up of 23 high-quality early childhood schools across the country. Our school's model emphasizes data utilization, high-quality teaching practices, embedded professional development, and intensive family engagement. Each classroom has three teachers and is supported by an instructional coach as well as our health and family engagement teams.

Why Educare DC

- Join a strong team that is passionate about our children and values each person's unique contributions
- Provide high-quality and individualized early learning to the children who need it most
- Learn and grow through personalized coaching and mentorship to excel in the classroom
- Teach in our state-of-the art facility that was custom-built for young children

Job Responsibilities

The Family Engagement Specialist, who reports to the Family Engagement Supervisor, is responsible for demonstrating the following:

- Engages in mutually respectful, positive, goal-oriented partnerships with families to promote positive child and family outcomes
- Respects and responds appropriately to the cultures, languages, values, and family structures of each family
Collects information with families and reflects with them to inform goal-setting, planning, and implementation to effect progress and outcomes for families, children, programs, and communities
- Supports families reflections on and planning for their safety, health, education, well-being, and life goals
- Partners with families to build strong parent-child relationships and supports parents as the first and lifelong educators of their children.
- Works with families to strengthen their support networks and connections with other parents and community members who can address families strengths, interest, and challenges
- Works alongside parents to build on their strengths as advocates for their families and as leaders in the program and community
- Works with other professionals and agencies to support coordinated, integrated, and comprehensive services for families across the organization, community, and system

Qualifications

We seek candidates who are results oriented and have the ability and willingness to work in a program located in a high-risk, low income community. You should have:

- A Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or a related field
- Experience working with families in a community-based Head Start or family support program preferred
- Clearance of background check as required by local, state and federal regulations
- Physical examination and diagnostic tests as required by local, state and federal Regulations
- A bi-annual physical exam, drug screen and TB test are required as a condition of continual employment

The salary range is \$42,000-52,000, commensurate with experience. Educare DC offers a competitive benefits package that includes medical, dental and vision insurance, retirement accounts with company match, paid leave, and more. Educare DC is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. Diverse candidates are encouraged to apply.

How to apply

Submit your resume via email to jobs@educaredc.org or by mail to Attn: Educare DC 640 Anacostia Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20019