



Family Connections

A Parent Child Education Center

Building a Path to Achievement

Headline

Early Childhood Family Educator – Part Time – Bilingual - Spanish Speaking

Job Title

Family Educator

About the Organization

Family Connections <<http://familyconnections.org>> partners with families to support them in forming strong, resilient connections – within their family and across their community – that enable underserved children to reach their fullest academic, social and emotional potential.

Students and their parent or guardian attend classes together in a unique parent participation setting where both the parent and child receive education. Children receive developmentally appropriate curriculum while parents expand their leadership skills, knowledge of child development, and ties to the community. Founded in 1993 by local families, Family Connections has been pillar of excellence in Redwood City and East Palo Alto for 23 years. We remain the region's only private, bilingual, parent-participatory school where 100% of families receive full scholarships.

About the Role

The Family Educator – Part Time (15 – 28 hrs) is a uniquely fulfilling teaching position with sensible work-life balance. Focusing on families with children new born to five years old, the Family Educator plans and leads classroom activities for children and their parents. Because of Family Connections' unique parent participation model, the Family Educator's classroom time is divided between interacting with children and interacting with adults.

Classes are Tue and Thu from 12:30 – 3:00pm and Mon and Wed 9:00 – 12:00pm at East Palo Alto. The Family Educator also supports healthy child development via occasional home visits and other out-of-class connections with parents and caregivers. Out of class hours are flexible and can generally accommodate your schedule.

Responsibilities

- Provide a safe, healthy and positive environment to promote effective learning and development.
- Plan and lead age appropriate activities .
- Interact with children during class time and role model desired behavior for parents.
- Develop and maintain effective partnership and communication with parents.
- Nurture parents and acknowledge their strengths
- Coach parents to take on leadership roles in daily activities and special events.
- Develop and maintain confidential educational information for each family, ensuring all required program documentation is completed accurately.
- Participate with other Family Educators in ongoing professional development.

About You

- You have a two or more years experience as an early childhood educator, 24 or more Early Childhood Education (ECE) units, and are confident in your knowledge of and ability to implement a play-based early childhood curriculum.
- You are a bi-lingual Spanish and English speaker with strong communication skills. In either language, you are equally able to lead discussion groups with adults and circle time with children.
- You have prior experience educating adults. Perhaps you spent time in a parent cooperative ECE setting, or perhaps you have a California Adult Education Credential in Parent Education.
- You coach and advocate for others in a way that is compassionate, strength-based, and non-judgmental. You embrace cultural differences, navigating comfortably among groups and individuals representing a range of needs, abilities and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- You believe that teaching is a process of reflective practice and continuous improvement.

Compensation & Benefits

- Competitive salary commensurate with experience
- Sick leave and holiday pay
- Time off for winter break, spring break, etc.
- Casual work environment and flexible schedule outside of class time
- Supportive professional learning community with opportunities for growth

HOW TO APPLY

Family Connections values diversity; people of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply (EOE: M/F/D/V). Please submit your most recent resume to [**lalcayaga@familyconnections.org**](mailto:lalcayaga@familyconnections.org). Resumes are being reviewed on a rolling basis so we encourage you to submit yours soon. We look forward to reading your resume!