



St. Philip Early Learning Center
7531 S. Kendall Blvd.
Littleton, CO 80128

DIRECTOR

Starts between March 1, 2019 and July 8, 2019 (to be negotiated)

St. Philip Early Learning Center serves approximately 160 children and has been a top program for the past 30 years. It is often recommended by kindergarten teachers, as evidenced by our wait lists. We have a great teacher to student ratio with two teachers per five children in the younger classrooms. The Director we are searching for must possess strong interpersonal and leadership skills, have a background in Early Childhood Education, and relate well to children.

OUR MISSION

To provide children within the congregation and surrounding community the opportunity to develop and practice his or her gifts as a child of God, focusing on the welfare of the whole child, assisting each to realize his or her maximum potential in the areas of language, intellectual, physical, emotional, social, and spiritual development.

OUR PURPOSE

An outreach ministry of St. Philip Lutheran Church since 1984, dedicated to providing high quality, developmentally appropriate education in a safe, healthy, nurturing Christian environment, for young children 1 year of age and independently walking, up to 6 years.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Early childhood is a special time when children are unique, curious beings eager to learn. Children love to manipulate items, explore new ideas, have the opportunity to see how things work and test out their own theories.

Following the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) guidelines, we know learning takes place through a balance of teacher directed and child initiated free choice activities called "experiential" learning. Our program curriculum and environment are the result of careful weekly planning by the staff, with progressively higher expectations as the children mature.

We provide experiential learning through a creative curriculum, rich in discovery and exploration. We allow opportunities to acquire first-hand knowledge through hands-on discovery to investigate what interests them, to solve problems, discover relationships, and make comparisons and predictions. We encourage personal self-care, the development of self-esteem and respect for others, as well as learning about God's world.



The successful Director candidate will have:

- Communication and leadership skills to work with church staff, administrative assistants, teachers, preschool board and parents in a collaborative manner
- Administrative skills to manage all aspects of the preschool, including curriculum, student recruitment, teacher supervision and evaluation, human resources, and financial oversight
- A child-centered, play-based educational approach
- Will embrace the mission and philosophy of St. Philip Early Learning Center

The minimum requirements of the position include:

- Colorado Director certification
- Three years or more experience in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science or Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field

Position Details:

- Supervise a staff of 33 people
- Run a 4-hour student program
- Offer STEM enrichment
- Report to senior pastor
- Oversee a budget just under \$400,000
- Salary based on experience
- Benefits include healthcare, retirement contributions, personal and professional leave, paid holidays and breaks

Qualified applicants should send a letter of intent, a resume, and a statement of educational philosophy to the St. Philip Early Learning Center Search Committee at aseep@stphilip-co.org.

Application deadline February 15, 2019. Review of applications will begin immediately. References may be requested. Equal Opportunity Employer.