



Delta Gamma Center for Children
with Visual Impairments

Music Instructor – Experience the Arts Program

POSITION SUMMARY

The Music Instructor is responsible for planning and facilitating multi-sensory music classes, workshops, and performances for school-age children with visual impairments, some of whom have other disabilities. The goals of the music program are to:

- Encourage students to gain musical knowledge and skills through classes and the experiences of group music making
- Foster the development of social skills and independence through music making
- Enrich the students' lives through musical experiences that build listening skills, coordination, spatial awareness, self-expression, and self-esteem
- Inspire a lifelong love and enjoyment of a variety of musical genres

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provides instrumental, vocal, and music training to build skills using a variety of multi-sensory techniques and experiences
- Develops and monitors individual learning goals for each student
- Creates and maintains written lesson plans in collaboration with program staff using the curriculum framework provided ensuring adaptations are made to enable full participation of all group members
- Provides oral and written reports of student progress updates to parents, team members and management including maintaining client files in compliance with DGCkids requirements
- Maintains a classroom environment which allows for effective communication and monitoring of student participation and achievement of individual goals
- Communicates regularly with parents/guardians of students, providing notification of class activities and progress on individual goals
- Assists in the evaluation of group activities to improve and expand programming
- Coordinates and supervises volunteer assistance for students during classes and performances, including communication of planned activities and providing guidance on working with students
- Develops networks and establish relationships for future collaborations with music professionals in the community
- Arranges and directs periodic performance opportunities for students

- Other related tasks as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy, Music Education or related field or comparable work experience required
- Possess a strong background in music theory and demonstrate basic skills in playing the piano and additional instruments
- Experience working with children with visual impairments or other disabilities and competence in classroom management is preferred
- Must be creative and have a passion for engaging children with music
- Possess strong interpersonal and communication skills with children of all ages, families from diverse backgrounds, and other professionals
- Capable of meeting deadlines and seeking supervisory consultation when necessary
- Able to organize effectively, function independently, and collaborate as part of a team

REPORTS TO

Director of Group Recreation and Developmental Support

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Part-time averaging 15 hours per six-week class with evening and weekend hours depending on the program schedule, hours for special workshops and arranging and directing performances would be in addition
- Location for classes and rehearsals is typically at DGCKids with access to high quality percussion instruments and a piano
- Depending on education and experience, may need to complete training related to working with children with visual impairments and other disabilities provided by DGCKids
- Background check, drug screen and health certification completed upon offer of employment
- Must be physically able to lift or move 30-50 pounds; push/pull and lift equipment and supplies; assist children by bending, crouching, kneeling, sitting in chairs and/or on floor and reaching in all directions; and stand or sit for long periods

THE DELTA GAMMA CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

- The mission of the Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments (DGC) is to help children who are blind or visually impaired reach their full potential through family-centered, specialized services and community support. DGC is a

private nonprofit organization located in Richmond Heights, in the central corridor of St. Louis, Missouri, serving families within a 50-mile radius in Missouri and Illinois.

- Founded in 1951, DGC provides comprehensive home and community-based early intervention services for children from birth to three years of age and their families. Our teachers and therapists address the complex needs of our clients through a team-based, holistic approach.
- In addition to early intervention services, families of children of all ages find reassurance and valuable resources through individual and group family support services. Children ages three through high school participate in our group recreation and developmental support program, designed to develop social and independence skills and participation in community activities.
- DGC also provides vision screening services throughout the service area to infants and preschoolers for early detection of vision issues as well as community engagement initiatives directed at increasing acceptance, inclusion and accessibility.

Learn more at www.dgckids.org.

To apply, email a resume and cover letter to employment@dgckids.org.