



Current Job Opening-Head Start Center Director

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of children? Tri-County Head Start is seeking an experienced, energetic Full-Time Head Start Center Director for our largest center located in Durango, Colorado.

Durango is an idyllic town with an excellent sense of community, great weather, abundant outdoor activities and a fantastic selection of restaurants and cultural activities. Backed up against the San Juan Mountains and home to the historic narrow-gauge Denver & Rio Grande Railway, Durango has been named No. 3 in a list of "Top 100 Best Small Towns" in the U.S. by Livability.com.

Located in the southwest corner of Colorado, Tri-County Head Start has been serving children and low income families for over 40 years. Our dedicated staff of 100 early childhood education professionals work hard to provide quality programs at ten licensed centers in La Plata, Archuleta, and Montezuma Counties. In one program year, over 300 children ages 0-5 years benefit from services including: age-appropriate educational activities, health screenings and assessments, disability services, and family engagement activities, all at no cost to parents or guardians.

The work we do in our community is based upon our mission: "to develop and provide quality, integrated, comprehensive early childhood development program which offer a broad range of services and respond to the needs to eligible young children and their families for the purpose of preparing them for success in school and life."

This position is responsible for supervising and coordinating activities and facilitating general center operations. This position works closely and is supported by an Education Specialist, Health & Safety Specialist, Family Engagement Specialist, and a Mental Health & Disabilities Specialist. The center has a licensed capacity of 72 including 32 preschool-aged children and 40 early head start aged. This position supervises 20 + employees and the center operates year-round. The program offers part day, school day and extended day program options.

The ideal candidate requires strong leadership and supervision skills, ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment, excellent communication skills both written and verbal, proven ability to build relationships with families, children and staff, attention to detail, organization, and ability to prioritize effectively.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree (BA) or Associate's degree (AA) in Early Childhood Education or related field, Colorado Preschool Director Certification or willingness to obtain. Minimum of 5 years' experience directing a child care center required, previous experience with Head Start/Early Head Start and teaching experience preferred.

Salary/Benefits: Annual salary range \$34,819.20 to \$41,246.40; based on education and experience.

To apply please send cover letter, resume, reference letters and unofficial transcripts to Mandy Clark, Human Resources Manager at mandyc@tchs4c.org.

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