

ART IN THE GARDEN ASSISTANT TEACHER

OMA Center for Mind, Body, and Spirit is a non-profit organization devoted to holistic wellness for all people. Art in the Garden, an educational program of OMA, is a free summer program held in Borland Garden in East Liberty. Art in the Garden seeks to enable youth to grow in their understanding of connectedness to themselves, each other, and our earth.

Responsibilities

- Support the lead teachers in engaging youth ages 4+ in experiential and project-based learning activities centered around art and gardening, which support social and emotional development and resiliency.
- Teach small groups, and under the direction of the Lead Teachers, manage portions of the curriculum, discipline, and outdoor community and environment.
- Work as a team member with teaching colleagues, administrators, and youth family members by attending meetings and building community.
- Create and maintain an appropriate and organized classroom environment with an emphasis on child safety and well-being.
- Communicate regularly with parents in a positive, clear, and timely manner through a variety of means, including email, telephone, and conversations in the garden and during pick-up and drop-off at student's homes, as directed by the Lead Teachers.

Applicants for this position must have the following:

- High school diploma / GED
- Experience working with youth
- Strong communication skills for working effectively with youth, their family members, and colleagues
- Capable of creating an stimulating and supportive learning environment for youth
- Educational philosophy that is consistent with that of OMA
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Act 33), Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Clearance (Act 34), and FBI Criminal Background Check (or ability to obtain before June 19th)

Preferred Experience

- Working with youth
- Interest in Social and Emotional Development and Trauma-informed care
- Passion for arts and outdoor education

Program hours are from 9-1 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from June 19-August 23. The summer salary of \$1,800 includes teaching, prep time, occasional meetings, and two **required** full-day training sessions around social and emotional development and resilience/trauma informed care. In-depth program description at: www.ioby.org/project/art-garden-0. For more information about OMA visit: www.omapittsburgh.org.

To apply, please send cover letter and resume to artinthegardenpgh@gmail.com with the subject line "Art in the Garden Youth Intern Application."

Deadline to apply: April 13th, 2018

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