

Job Title: Garden Mentor/Playworker, ages 3-5

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Work site: Ithaca Children's Garden, southern end of Cass Park, Route 89, Ithaca

Wage: \$11.65 per hour

Hours per week: 28-35

Term: June 13 - August 30, 2019

The mission of Ithaca Children's Garden is to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards through engaging hands-on activities, child-led explorations, and embodying the Playwork Principles of supporting child-led free play.

Garden Mentor/Playworkers lead and support environmental education and outdoor free play with Ithaca Children's Garden summer campers ages 3-5 in a public garden setting. Programs are multidisciplinary, where science, art, cooking, gardening, ecology and play combine to create unique and memorable experiences for young children.

Individuals in this position will work directly with young children, fellow mentor/playworkers, and ICG educators and staff.

Responsibilities:

- Lead and support children in multidisciplinary outdoor activities
- Support child-led free play in accordance with the Playwork Principles
- Help prepare activities and activity supplies
- Assist children in daily life activities and transitions
- Participate in staff training and daily/weekly reflections

Requirements:

- Experience and/or comfort working with 3-5 year olds
- Comfort with working outdoors in various weather conditions, including rain, heat and humidity
- Desire to mentor and support young children as unique individuals, meeting them where they are developmentally
- Previous summer camp experience helpful, but not required
- First aid/CPR certification helpful but not required

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