

## PRIMARY TEACHER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, is responsible for the teaching and observation of the behavior of children in the Early Care Center of the Community Mental Health Service. This is a professional teaching position which required the incumbent to be able to interpret behavior and conflicts in children in addition to structuring their activities. May participate in outreach and consultative programs to day care centers. Supervision is not a regular responsibility of this class. Does related work as required.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Structures activities to enable children in therapeutic nursery classes to play out their specific conflicts;

Interprets behavior and conflicts to the children;

Consults periodically records kept on the children;

Recognizes physical and psychological needs of children;

Assists the Special Education Teacher in setting up in advance the room used for daily therapeutic activities, and is responsible for the materials used;

Attends regular staff meetings to discuss cases and treatment plans for individual children and interactions during classroom activities;

Consults with other professionals, as needed, i.e. Special Education Teacher, psychiatrist, psychologist.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Good knowledge of modern methods of teaching early childhood or special education; ability to work with young children who are emotionally disturbed; ability to interpret childhood behavior; good understanding of child development and child psychology with emphasis on group and individual dynamics; patience; initiative; pleasing personality; good health.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from a recognized college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and one year experience working with emotionally disturbed or physically handicapped children under the age of six.

\*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.

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