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Title: After School English Language Arts Specialist/Group Leader, 5th Grade
Location: PS/MS 218, 1220 Gerard Ave, Bronx, NY 10452
Reports to: Education Coordinator

The Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco) is a community development organization founded on the radically simple idea that all people deserve healthy, vibrant communities. We build award-winning, sustainable, affordable homes – but our work is not over when our buildings are complete. WHEDco believes that to be successful, affordable housing must be anchored in strong communities that residents can be proud of. WHEDco's mission is to give the South Bronx access to all the resources that create thriving neighborhoods – from high-quality early education and after-school programs, to fresh, healthy food, cultural programming, and economic opportunity. See www.whedco.org for more information.

Job Summary:

Under the direct supervision of the education coordinator and ELA coordinator, the after school ELA specialist/group leader will assist in the development and delivery of an engaging after school literacy curriculum designed to align with the school day. ELA specialists are responsible for choosing age appropriate books and planning lessons that integrate art, drama, music as well as other content areas. This is a part-time position in which the candidate will teach from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Mondays-Thursdays, plus paid prep time, and act as a group leader for the remainder of program hours. Program runs Mondays-Fridays from 2:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m. For the right candidate, there is the possibility of a summer position as well.

Responsibilities:

Under the supervision of the education coordinator, working in conjunction with other key program and school staff, the ELA specialist will:

- Be the lead for a class of 25-30 elementary school students during English language arts program time.
- Collaborate with group leaders to maintain a productive, safe and respectful environment in the classroom.
- Create and facilitate engaging developmentally appropriate lesson plans and implement activities designed to develop students' literacy skills that meet and exceed NYS standards.
- Integrate interdisciplinary activities including; discussion, drama, art, movement, and writing activities.
- Attend all required staff/planning meetings and professional development workshops.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of two years' professional experience working with K-5th grade youth in an after school or community-based enrichment program.

- Experience creating and delivering lesson plans in formal or in-formal settings.
- Strong academic skills in English and a love of literature.
- Demonstrated experience in leading or organizing experiential learning activities. Substantial volunteer work will be considered.
- Ability to be creative and flexible and respond to the changing needs of the after school environment.
- Demonstrated interest in the field of education or child development.
- Experience with mentoring programs or cross-age reading buddies programs is a plus.
- Able to work late afternoons and/or evenings.
- Well-organized, able to work both independently and collaboratively.
- Bilingual (English and Spanish) is a plus.
- New York State Teacher Certification is a plus.
- Previous work experience in low-income communities is preferred.

Competitive hourly rate based on experience. This is a part-time, hourly position.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to 218afterschool@whedco.org (include “ELA Specialist” and your name in subject line).

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