

Earth House seeks an inspired, grounded, and creative certified ECE or ECE Assistant to join our tiny, mighty team in caring for and educating the young children of our rural community.

About Earth House: Earth House is a pillar of the Slocan Valley community. Founded in 2015 on the ancestral homeland of the Sinixt people, we offer earth reverent, developmentally attuned education for children ages 3 to 6. Our Enki curriculum roots the children and educators in their vitality, including the rhythms of the natural world.

What it's like to work here: Earth House is a dream job if one loves working with young children: healthy, grounded families, conscious, attuned educators, and a beautiful home away from home. Our small center is on land tended and inhabited by the director's family. The other two ECE's on staff have been with Earth House 11 years and five years, respectively.

Staff work individually with a class of six children for six hours a day. Rain, snow, and shine, classes spend about half the day outdoors in the garden and surrounding forest and the remaining three hours in our cozy indoor space. Curriculum is developed collaboratively by the staff, inspired by the children's emergent interests and as a mirror of the earth's processes of growth and rest. Some stories and circles are offered year after year to ground the children. Crafts use natural materials, including wool, beeswax, watercolors, and forest treasures.

The three educators on staff gather monthly for supportive and collaborative meetings and also connect with one another as needed between meetings. Educators work closely with parents and each other when issues or concerns arise. In challenging times, we are supported by our fellow ECE's, the Enki web, and the online resources of Janet Lansbury and Dr. Becky Kennedy, as well as others.

#### Requirements:

- Valid Early Childhood Education Certificate in BC
- Alternatively, one may be an Early Childhood Educator Assistant who is actively working to complete certification, in which case they be eligible for a Training Wage grant.
- Experience in a childcare setting or equivalent environment
- Current First Aid Certificate
- Criminal Record Check (completed upon hiring)

In addition, the ideal candidate would have:

- Skills to work consciously with staff and families, including nonviolent communication
- Commitment to memorize circle songs and games every 3 weeks
- Willingness to meditate, eat well, and prioritize rest and self-care

Compensation depends upon certification level and experience. An ECE Assistant can earn up to \$24/hour while a certified ECE can earn \$24/hour plus subsidies, or \$30/hour in total. Fully covered dental and medical benefits for the staff and their family members is included for all staff.

The position is Thursdays and Fridays, 9:15-4, beginning the first week of September and following the SD8 school year--Earth House is closed for two weeks in December and March and all of July and August. In addition, Earth House gathers as a community twice a year to celebrate the Winter and Summer Solstices.

Job Type: Part-time

Pay: \$24.00-\$30.00 per hour, depending on certification level

Expected hours: 13 – 15 per week

Benefits:

- Dental care
- Extended health care

License/Certification:

- Early Childhood Educator or ECE Assistant Certificate (required)