



Job Situation

Daycare center, with children. Indoors and out. Reporting to Manager. Regular daytime hours.

Weekly Hours of Work

40

Overtime

Monthly Salary

\$2,400

Student Loan – Owing

Student Loan – Monthly Payment

Duties

Care for children. lead play activities.
Consult with parents.

Prospects

Elementary educator, with further training. Self-employment.

Job Title

Daycare Worker

National Occupational Classification (NOC)

4214

Job Description

The Daycare Worker has some serious responsibilities—the care, instruction and entertainment of other people's children. Taking care of kids requires a lot of energy, perseverance a sense of humour, and eyes in the back of your head—but for the young at heart, it's a fun job. If you have the maturity and self-control to deal with the odd tantrum and a playful side to your nature it can be an extremely rewarding line of work.

Patience, kindness, responsibility, creativity and good interpersonal skills are essential qualities for a person dealing with impressionable youngsters on a daily basis. Some daycare centres are just parking garages for children, but the good ones make a genuine effort to try and give the children a rich and stimulating environment. Preschool age children are learning language and interpersonal skills that they will use for the rest of their lives. You find deep satisfaction in building a shy child's confidence or teaching a mistrustful child to relax and share.

You are really good at leading the children in creative play, encouraging them to let their imaginations run wild and to gently explore their fears and desires. Acting out nursery rhymes and telling stories where every child contributes a few lines to the plot are favourite activities. Dressing up and making masks and puppets are wildly popular and often end up in giggling fits. Sometimes the kids sit back and you act out a fairy tale for them, playing all the roles with different voices and miming the actions. They love it and you don't mind the applause one bit.

Of course there are meals to be served, disputes to settle, accidents to clean up, and knees to bandage, but that's all water under the bridge by the time the parents come to collect their children. It's quite a physical job too, with all the bending and lifting small people need, but you like staying in shape. Besides, for you and the kids—the play's the thing!