

Preschool Head Teacher

Schoharie County Child Development Council, Inc.

Cobleskill, NY 12043

Teacher

Full-time

Onsite

\$19.70 - \$21.50 an hour*

* Based on Qualifications and Experience

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Organization Statement

Schoharie County was one of the pilot locations for Project Head Start in 1965 as a kindergarten readiness program developed as part of Lyndon B. Johnson's 'War on Poverty'. More than 55 years later, SCCDC is a Head Start grantee, serving Schoharie County with services ranging from Early Head Start for Expecting Families through Universal Pre-Kindergarten. Despite the many years that have gone by, SCCDC is still focused on preparing children and their families for success in school and beyond .

Head Start is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Child and Family Services to provide services to low-income children and families with a focus on early learning, health, and family well-being. Programs partner with families, as the family is the first and best teacher of their children.

Pre-Kindergarten programs are funded through local school districts through the New York State Department of Education.

SCCDC is committed to providing education and support services through compassionate partnerships with families, staff and the community.

Job Description

SCCDC is seeking a Head Start Teacher for the 2026 - 2027 program year. Lead the classroom team in providing a quality education experience for preschool children in our Head Start program. Develop and implement daily lesson plans and activities to promote the cognitive, physical and social-emotional needs of 3-5 year olds enrolled in a center based program. Create a safe and welcoming learning environment and encourage family involvement in the classroom.

Responsibilities

- Provide direction to all staff and volunteers in the classroom setting.
- Implement a comprehensive, developmentally appropriate classroom experience in accordance with the agency curriculum and Head Start Performance Standards.
- Establish positive and productive relationships with parents, encouraging them to participate in all aspects of the Head Start program.
- Implement teaching and behavior support practices associated with the Pyramid Model for Supporting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children.
- Foster the belief in parents that they are their child's best teachers and reinforce these concepts with practical suggestions for development.
- Conduct regularly scheduled home visits and parent/teacher conferences.
- Share assessment data and observations with parents and ensure parental input in individualized planning for each child.
- Maintain regular communication with all families.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or related field with equivalent course work preferred; or
- Associate degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development or related field with equivalent course work; or
- Current CDA (Child Development Associate) appropriate for the age group with a waiver approved by the Office of Head Start.
- Experience working with preschool children in a classroom setting.

All SCCDC positions require Three Letters of Reference, OCFS Clearance, Physical with Tuberculin Test, and a valid NYS Driver's License required.

- **Minimum Education Level:** CDA Credential (with credit-bearing certificate)
- **Preferred Education Level:** Bachelor's Degree

Application Instructions

Apply Online at <https://sccdcny.org/contact/join-our-team/>

or <http://schohariecountychilddevelopmentcouncil.appone.com/>

Language Requirements

English

Additional Information

\$700.00 Sign-on Bonus!

Benefits:

- **Health, Dental & Vision Plans Available**
- **401(k) Plan**
- **Simplified Employee Pension**
- **Employee Assistance Programs (EAP)**
- **AFLAC Supplemental Insurance**
- **Employer Sponsored Short-Term Disability Benefits**
- **Generous Paid Leave including Sick, Personal, Holidays, Snow Days & School Recesses**
- **Continuing Education & Tuition Assistance Program**
- **Eligibility for Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program**