

Position Description

Job Title:	RSI – PlayMobile Associate	Revision Date:	4/4/23
Department:	Philadelphia Parks & Recreation	Hiring Manager:	John Murawski
Hourly Rate:	\$16.00/hr	Application deadline:	Until Filled
Position Type	Temporary/Seasonal Employment; Up to Nine (9) Months in Duration		

Overview of City of Philadelphia

With a workforce of over 30,000 people, and opportunities in more than 1,000 different job categories, the City of Philadelphia is the fifth largest city in the United States and one of the largest employers in Southeastern Pennsylvania. As an employer, the City of Philadelphia operates through the guiding principles of service, integrity, respect, accountability, collaboration, diversity, and inclusion. Through these principles, we strive to effectively deliver services, to resolve the challenges facing our city, and to make Philadelphia a place where all our residents have the opportunity to reach their potential.

Agency Description

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR) advances the prosperity of the city and the progress of her people through intentional and sustained stewardship of over 10,200 acres of public land and waterways as well as through hundreds of safe, stimulating recreation, environmental, and cultural centers. PPR promotes the well-being and growth of the City’s residents by connecting them to the natural world around them, to each other, and to fun, physical, and social opportunities. PPR is responsible for the upkeep of historically significant Philadelphia events and specialty venues and works collaboratively with communities and organizations in leading capital projects and the introduction of inventive programming. To learn more about Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, visit us at www.phila.gov/parksandrec, and follow @philaparkandrec on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Tumblr.

Position Summary

This Recreation Specialty Instructor will serve as a PlayMobile Associate working on a small team responsible for driving and maintaining the PPR PlayMobile vehicle, which contains playful learning tools for children. Focusing primarily on PPR’s PlayStreets and PlayParks initiative, this position will drive the PlayMobile to various PlayStreets and PlayParks locations and will instruct and organize playful learning recreation activities as well as plan and schedule literacy enhanced recreation activities. Additional locations, such as the Ben Franklin Parkway and Recreation Centers may also utilize PlayMobile services to support summer camps and other events.

The successful candidate will be able to work outside in varied weather conditions and will possess a valid driver’s license with a clean driving record.

Completion of a CPR and a First Aid program and possession of a current CPR and First Aid certification at the time of application and during tenure of employment

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Essential Functions

- Drive the PlayMobile and set-up play tools and landscapes on PlayStreets and PlayParks, at Recreation Centers and in open spaces (e.g., McPherson Square, Harrogate Park, and select PPR parks).
- Initiates collaborative play with children as well as parents/caregivers.
- Attend literacy and playful learning training from the Free Library of Philadelphia and Fab Youth Philly with Temple Infant Child Labs
- Initiates play for groups of varying age levels, backgrounds, and interests; assists in the preparation of publicity for scheduled events.
- Prepares records and reports on attendance, attitude, and progress of recreation activities.
- Supports implementing literacy survey tool with children.
- Performs related work as required.

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Competencies, Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of methods and techniques used in instructing groups of children or adults
- Knowledge of public recreation objectives
- Knowledge of Philadelphia neighborhoods
- Ability to lift 50 lbs
- Ability to organize, instruct, and motivate individuals and groups
- Ability to maintain order among recreation and social groups
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with participants, associates, and the general public

Qualifications (Education and Experience)

- High School Diploma or Equivalency (minimum)
- 2 years' experience caring for and supervising children in a childcare center, school location, recreation facility, or social service agency
- Bachelor's Degree in early childhood education or other degree with major coursework in education preferred
- 2 years' experience conducting and/or instructing classes or groups in early literacy
- Experience in playful learning and literacy-based play desirable
- Valid PA Driver's license

Additional Information

- Successful candidates must be a city of Philadelphia resident as a condition of employment
- Must provide proof of COVID-19 Vaccination as a condition of employment
- Interested candidates must submit a resume and cover letter to John.Murawski@phila.gov
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