

The Boston Project Ministries Elmhurst Park Coordinator (Full-Time, Seasonal) Job Description

The Organization

The Boston Project Ministries [TBPM] is a non-profit Christian community development organization, which mobilizes neighbors, volunteers, and churches to help build strong communities characterized by God's shalom. We are located in the Talbot-Norfolk Triangle [TNT] neighborhood in the Codman Square, Dorchester section of Boston serving the 550+ families that reside within our 13-streets. From our *Neighborhood Ministry House* we run a host of relational-based Youth & Family programs including leadership development programs, teen employment, youth and adult Bible studies, and a summer park program for kids. We are also a key support to the community organizing and civic stewardship efforts of the TNT Neighbors United association. Finally, we assist homeowners, seniors, and partner organizations by mobilizing 500+ volunteers a year in community improvement projects and in serving families. All together, these initiatives are leading to significant individual and community transformation.

Elmhurst Park Program Description

The Elmhurst Park Summer Program is a six-week drop-in program designed to provide academic, fitness, social, arts, and spiritual development activities for children, ages 5-12 (or as we say "Faith, Fitness, Fine Arts, Friendship, and FUN). Our key organizational outcomes include connecting children to God, connecting neighbors-to-neighbors (both child-to-child and inter-generational) and connecting children with the larger world around them.

Position Summary

The Elmhurst Park Coordinator helps achieve our goal of supporting youth and families by providing holistic programming for elementary age students. The Coordinator will also help supervise three-to-four older teen employees (25 hours per week) and 5-10 volunteers daily who assist in the success of the program. The Elmhurst Park Coordinator reports to the Elmhurst Park Manager.

Key Accountabilities

- Serve as a role model and cultivate positive, supportive relationships with youth employees
- Be willing and able to share about faith in Jesus Christ through teaching lessons and activities, informal conversations with children, teens, and parents, and in actions characterized by a vibrant faith.
- Help plan, facilitate, & evaluate an outcome-based program designed for children ages 5 to 12.
- Maintain attendance records and any other data collection methods for child participants
- Build strong relationships with parent/guardians of children participating in park program
- Assist as needed in facilitating lunch program

- Assist in resolving conflicts with children, teenagers, and parents as necessary.
- Enforce discipline procedures when necessary
- Assist in providing direction for teen staff
- Evaluate employment experience with teen employees at beginning, mid- and end of summer
- Assist as requested in completing any grant reporting for designated program areas
- Participate in staff meetings and debriefings with team to evaluate and make program improvements
- Other duties and program assignments as necessary

Qualifications

- Loves to see children and teens discover who God has made them to be.
- Experience working with children in a high-energy outdoor environment
- Ability to lead children's programming and equip others to do the same
- Experience in lesson planning and creating schedules required.
- Familiarity with a trauma-informed framework a plus
- Ability to work professionally with partners (parents, organizations, residents, funders, etc.)
- Ability to multi-task, move at a quick pace and work on a team
- Previous experience working with children and teens in a multi-cultural setting a plus
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions

Compensation:

This is a seasonal non-exempt position with an hourly pay rate based on prior experience.

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 8:30 AM-5:00 PM with a 30-minute unpaid lunch break daily. Friday; 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Dates: June 25 (flexible) – August 17 (8 weeks; 6 weeks of programming)