

Youth Workers
MS ExTRA Extended Day Program
Queens United Middle School 289

Organizational Overview

The Youth Development Division of the Child Center of New York strives always to *form, maintain, and strengthen positive caring relationships* with and between all our *participants and stakeholders*. We dedicate ourselves daily to providing *meaningful opportunities for our participants to achieve, lead, and excel*. We design engaging experiences, which develop and strengthen *social competencies and problem solving skills*, while setting clear and consistent *expectations and boundaries*.

MS ExTRA Summary

As a part of NYC's Middle School Quality Initiative, the MS ExTRA program focuses on preparing students for high school, college, the workforce, and for life. Through our program, we aim to provide activities that make the extended school day engaging, constructive, and fun, while simultaneously accounting for the unique needs and desires of students. All students will participate in at least one hour of academic enrichment programming each day. Supplementary activities and clubs will also be offered in multiple disciplines including STEM, art, physical education, and health/nutrition. Our goal is to provide middle schoolers with a well rounded extended day experience that emphasizes the importance of learning and community. Therefore, in addition to the aforementioned activities, all students will be involved in service learning and community building programming each week

Location: Queens United Middle School, Laurelton, NY **Type:** Paid

Reports to: MS ExTRA Program Director

Time commitment: Ability to commit from 2:30-5pm for one to five days every week: 9/9 - 12/20
Ability to commit to at least one, one-hour training the week of 9/2

Required of all staff:

- Flexibility to perform a number of roles (i.e., club leaders will also help teachers, or help clean up meals, etc.)
- Past work with youth, particularly middle school aged youth, is preferable
- Ability to work with large and small groups of diverse youth
- Ability to commit to at least one, one-hour training the week of 9/2

Who we are looking for

We are looking for candidates who are passionate about working directly with young people and who will be able to provide high-quality programming to sixth graders at Queens United Middle School (MS 289). We are looking for many types of youth workers including:

STEM and Literacy Group Leaders:

Available – > every day each week from 2:30-5:00 (must commit more than one day)

People with experience and interest in academic tutoring and academic enrichment. Specialized skills may include being able to lead a journal-writing session, robotics, facilitating independent reading time, writing

songs or poetry, assisting with independent study projects, helping with homework. Love and enthusiasm for learning a must.

Service Learning and Community Service Instructors:

Available – Wednesday: 2:30-5:00pm

Interested in community service and civic engagement. Necessary to be able to work constructively with students to brainstorm, solve problems, and provide direction during ongoing projects. People with knowledge of service learning are particularly encouraged to apply.

Club Leaders:

Available – Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 2:30-5:00pm (must commit more than one day)

Looking for people with specific skill sets in:

- *Art (music, pottery, crafts, painting, dance, etc.)*
- *STEM (robotics, chemistry club, math olympiads, photography, etc.)*
- *Gym/Recreation (sports, games, orienteering, etc.)*
- *Health/Nutrition (cooking, healthy eating, body image, etc.)*
- *Miscellaneous (debate, public speaking, foreign language, etc.)*

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CAN APPLY FOR ONE OR ALL OF THESE POSITIONS.

If you are passionate about helping youth, have a specific skill or energy for a particular activity, and feel that you would like to join our growing team, please email marissabadgley@childcenterny.org as soon as possible. Please include a resume and a brief cover letter that answers the following questions:

- What of your skills and experiences qualify you to be an MS ExTRA youth worker?
- What positions are you interested in applying for (STEM and Literacy Group Leader, Service Learning and Community Service Instructor, Club Leader, or multiple)?
- If interested in becoming a Club Leader, what club would you like to bring to Queens United Middle School?
- What days are you available? (Remember, you must commit 2:30-5:00 at least one day per week)
- What is one thing about yourself that you believe will contribute to your ability to provide OUTSTANDING services and programming to our young people?