



## Daystar for Medically Fragile Children, Inc.

### Job Posting

<b>Job Title:</b>	Teacher Aide (TA), Full-Time
<b>Reports To:</b>	Lead Teacher
<b>FLSA Status:</b>	Hourly/Full-Time, M- F days, only (no on-call duty, weekends, or evenings required)
<b>Salary:</b>	\$12.00/ hour
<b>Benefits:</b>	Health/dental packages; generous Paid Time Off (PTO) and paid holidays.

**Opportunity:** Help Daystar change the world one child at a time! Lend your energy, enthusiasm, and talents to help children with special healthcare and developmental needs learn, thrive, and shine at Daystar’s award-winning Pediatric Day-Respite Center. Daystar seeks inspired leaders with a strong sense of purpose and drive to make the world a better place. Teacher Aides (TA’s) thrive in a dynamic, ever-changing environment and bring energy, patience, compassion, and creativity to their tasks. Successful Teacher Aides (TA’s) are engaged learners and observers, who encourage progress in measured increments, not just major milestones. TA’s never hesitate to help out where needed and seek opportunities to learn from their team members, the children entrusted in their care, and Daystar’s families.

**About Daystar:** Daystar joyfully celebrates children with special healthcare and developmental needs and provides families with the broad range of supports they need to fulfill their child’s healthcare, psychosocial, educational, and developmental goals in an encouraging learning environment of children facing similar challenges. Daystar’s multidisciplinary classrooms offer year-round, full-day, inclusive early educational programs, individualized therapies, family advocacy programs, and skilled nursing services to 40 – 60 children and families annually. Daystar is an independent, charitable 501 (c) 3 organization authorized jointly by NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), and is an equal opportunity employer.

**Qualifications:** Promising candidates have professional experience in early childhood learning and special education, related therapies, child life studies, pediatric specialties, and other related fields of interest. Applicants must demonstrate talent and insight in engaging and encouraging children who are coping with multiple complex and chronic healthcare conditions and special needs. Before applying, make sure you meet the following minimum requirements:

- ✓ Education: Associate or Bachelor Degree from an accredited program in a related field of study
- ✓ Experience: 2 years of relevant field experience working in an early childhood education or pediatric setting and/or 2 years relevant field experience working with children with special needs
- ✓ Interest and demonstrated proficiency in understanding a broad range of medical conditions, related treatments, and their developmental impacts
- ✓ Excellent judgment skills- must be active, alert, and observant at all times and ready to effectively respond to unplanned or emergency situations
- ✓ Ability to effectively implement multimodal communication techniques and use adaptive equipment, sensory materials, and communication devices
- ✓ Inherent passion for engaging infants and children with special needs
- ✓ Inclusive approach; embraces and demonstrates person-centered values, respect, and integrity.

**How To Apply:** Send your resume and cover letter telling us why you think you’re a good fit for Daystar to Mary Merkel at [mmerkel@daystarkids.org](mailto:mmerkel@daystarkids.org) or by fax, to 585-383-0033. Resumes without a cover letter will not be considered and successful candidates will be subject to fingerprinting and a criminal history background check upon hire. Questions? Go to [www.daystarkids.org](http://www.daystarkids.org) to learn more about the “Place Where Love Shines,” for children with special healthcare needs.