

Jillian Cusick

Compassionate and creative caregiver excited to help children develop and grow

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Education

The New School- August 2018 - May 2023

Dual Degrees: BA in Psychology and BFA in Illustration (Parsons)

Experience

Assistant Teacher - Twin Parks Montessori - Central Park West, NY

Sep 2024 - Present

- Provide attentive and nurturing care for toddlers age 1 to 4 ensuring their safety and well-being
- Develop and implement creative activities that promote cognitive and social development
- Prepare and maintain records for all students in the class including: communication logs, conference summary forms, observation notes
- Assist Lead/Co-Lead Teacher in the recording of observations of children
- As a mandated reporter, I ensure a safe workspace for children inside and outside the classroom, including Central Park visits, and record and report any accidents, perform daily health checks
- Follow all standards set by the American Montessori Society, the Middle States Commission on Elementary Education, ISAAGNY, QUALITYstarsNY and the NYC Department of Health

Head Counselor Substitute - JCC UWS, NY

August 2025

- Lead multiple classrooms in the 4's age group when lead counselors were unavailable
- Managed assistant counselor's work load and breaks
- Communicated with families to ensure a fun yet organized camp experience
- Created a positive group environment, including time management, conflict resolution, engaging directly with children
- Facilitated a safe but fun environment through arts and crafts, swimming, sports, and more

Skills

Small group instruction, student support, patience, compassion, communication, problem-solving, imaginative play, creativity, adaptability, critical thinking, child development, swimming, diaper changing/ potty training, Google Classroom, Adobe Creative Suite

Certifications/Trainings

CPR Certified, First Aid Certified, Preventing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Promoting Safe Sleeping, Family Engagement, Foundations in Health and Safety e-Learning, Prevention and Identification of Brain Injuries including Abusive Head Trauma, Obesity Prevention, Infant Brain Development, Early Intervention