

Seedlings Teaching Fellowship in Early Childhood Education at Calvin Hill Day Care Center and the Yale Child Study Center

The Seedlings Teaching Fellowship in Early Childhood Education and Child Development is designed as a supervised and supported entry into the professional world of early childhood education, childcare and teaching. It is a unique combination of engagement in a high quality preschool classroom setting and participation in related courses in a nationally renowned child development clinic.

Seedlings Fellows spend one year training at Calvin Hill Day Care Center and the Kitty Lustman-Findling Kindergarten, nationally accredited, model educational preschool programs for the children of Yale and New Haven community families. Fellows work a full schedule at Calvin Hill and become integral members of the highly experienced teaching team. In addition, fellows have the opportunity to participate in early childhood seminars offered through the Yale Child Study Center.

- Applicants for the Seedlings Teaching Fellowship are individuals who have some teaching experience and are interested in further developing their knowledge of early childhood curriculum and skills as early childhood educators.
- College course work in early childhood education and/or developmental psychology is preferred. Applicants may hold non-matriculated credits in child development and/or early childhood education.
- Applicants must be able to interact sensitively, tactfully, respectfully and warmly with young children and their parents. They must be able to work as a member of a team of teachers. Reliability and responsibility are essential, as the fellows will be counted on as members of the teaching staff.
- Applicants should be interested in issues of childcare, early childhood education and advocacy on behalf of young children. We anticipate that graduates of the fellowship will go on to other childcare and early education settings to provide leadership as teachers or work in other related fields to improve the quality of care for children.
- Depending on the fellows' preparation and background, they may have the opportunity to participate in early childhood seminars offered at the Yale Child Study Center.
- The fellowship begins in August 2011 and ends in August 2012.
- Fellows have full health coverage provided through the Yale Health Plan.
- Fellows receive a one-year stipend of \$15,000. Checks are issued twice a month beginning in September.

We invite interested individuals to contact us for an application and further information. Requests for applications should be made to Susan Taddei, susantaddei.calvinhill@gmail.com or call (203) 764-9350. Applications are due by **Wednesday, March 2, 2011**.