



JUNGLE KIDS
FOR CHRIST
Empowering Children

Job Description for Special Education Specialist/Paraeducator

- **Job Title** – Special Education Paraeducator
- **Job Summary** - Jungle Kids for Christ (JKC) is a growing ministry whose mission is to empower children of the Ecuadorian jungle through education, values, and leadership. To accomplish this mission, we started a school called Antioch Christian Academy where we provide quality, Christian education to children from the area, which includes students with special needs. This role will provide support and classroom assistance to the specific students, using pre-teaching, re-teaching and enhancement strategies, throughout multiple grade levels. Our special needs students would be classified as mild to moderate cases. In summary, this person will be a classroom auxiliary allowing the teachers to focus on the whole class and giving those students with special needs the accommodations that they need. Success in this position requires the patience, emotional maturity, and dedication necessary to help execute teaching plans and oversee students who each have unique needs and challenges.
- **Qualifications & Requirements**
 - Provide proof of a Special Education degree/certification (Bachelor's or higher) or need to provide proof of a minimum of 3 years of experience. *Teaching experience not required but desirable.
 - Broad knowledge of the theories, practices, and methodology of special education.
 - Including but not limited to pre-teach, Re-teach, enhancements, accommodations, modifications, IEPs, behavioral plans
 - Highly developed communication skills (written/verbal) and is highly organized.
 - Results/action-orientation; project management skills.
 - Able to successfully navigate within varying degrees of ambiguity in a fast-paced environment.
 - Strong strategic analysis skills.
 - Two (2) year commitment with a minimum expense of \$36,000. *This position requires full support.
 - Fluency in Spanish or willingness to learn Spanish

- Available to travel to Quito-Ecuador for language training for 6 months, if necessary. Preferably from January to July.
 - Must agree with our statement of faith and abide by our code of conduct.
- **Responsibilities & Duties**
 - Spends majority of their time collaborating with teachers and DECE to improve learning outcomes for students. Topics may include direct instructional coaching, professional development, analysis of progress data, seeking out academic and behavioral instructional strategies, and assisting with implementation.
 - Helps teachers to write strong IEPs, and behavior plans and to facilitate efficient and effective case management as essential tools to accelerate learning and protect the rights of students and their families. *Students of Antioch require mostly accommodations over modifications.
 - Revising and developing the special education program and service procedures to ensure continuity services and foresight of potential issues.
 - Communicates effectively, and in a timely manner, with parents and guardians of students to address complaints, issues, and concerns.
 - Have full knowledge of the code of conduct and the different regulations and directives implemented by the General Director or immediate supervisor.
 - Assistance and coordination in events such as: Sports championship (opening/closing/Family Day), year-end trips, Christmas and community visits and all events included in the annual calendar.
 - *Possible Additional Responsibilities*
 - Transportation assistant
 - Grade supervisor
- **Expectations and Additional Information**
 - Must raise your own support, approximate cost is \$18,000 per year.
 - Housing options provided.
 - Travel insurance options are available.
 - Food options are covered in the budget mentioned above.

Antioch Christian Academy is a non-government organization that is passionate to work with the jungle communities in the Amazon region. Due to its financial restraints, ACA will require workers to raise full support for the time that will be spent with the organization. Any inquiries can be discussed.

For applicants who are citizens of Ecuador, ACA is willing to help fund their time spent serving with the organization. ACA is willing to negotiate a salary to accommodate their needs.