



## Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship

### Proposal for Fellowship Placement • Summer 2017

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- Organization: Creating Kids at the Connecticut Children's Museum
- Full street address of organization: 22 Wall Street New Haven, CT 06511
- Website: [www.creatingkids.org](http://www.creatingkids.org)
- Name and title of the Direct Supervisor (please note: the Direct Supervisor must be available to supervise Fellow on a daily basis):

*Sandra Malmquist – Director*

- Phone number and e-mail address of Direct Supervisor:

*(203) 562-5437*

*[creatingkids@snet.net](mailto:creatingkids@snet.net)*

- Dates (8-11 weeks between May 30 and August 11, 2017):  
*May 30 – August 11, 2017*
  - Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe:  
*We would prefer the full 11 week placement.*
  - Hours of the program (*placements should be equivalent to full-time*):  
*8:00 am to 5:30 pm – Monday – Friday (with ½ day off)*
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## Placement Description

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- Organization description (*Mission statement, population served. 150 words or less.*):

*Creating Kids Childcare Center is an accredited, fulltime, innovative early childhood program dedicated to serving the needs of children -- ages 6 weeks through preschool age -- and their families in an urban setting. Our curriculum is thematic and literacy-based, using the Connecticut State Department of Education's Early Learning and Development Standards and Preschool Assessment Framework. The Theory of Multiple Intelligences grounds our educational philosophy and is the template for the curriculum. The oldest preschool children participate in the City School, taking their work into nearby city settings as they prepare for kindergarten. We are a School Readiness site and provide support for preschool enrollment of children from diverse neighborhoods throughout the City of New Haven.*

- Please write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting (50 words or less):

*The PPSF fellow will be working alongside early childhood master teachers, teaching infants and toddlers or our preschool children. In preparation for the preschool children's transition to kindergarten, the fellow will focus on curriculum development, social/emotional skill-building and early reading readiness through active and engaged project-based learning, storytelling and book reading.*



Nursery Rhyme Week provided opportunities for numeracy work (how many muffins did the Muffin Person make?) and writing.



- Please write a complete description of the specific project you propose and the list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow. (*Suggested length: one to two pages.*)

*We propose that the PPSF fellow for 2017 would work primarily in the Creating Kids Childcare Center alongside our master teachers. Additionally, the PPSF fellow would learn about early childhood education in myriad settings by accompanying the director to meetings of the New Haven Early Childhood Council and working on curriculum development using the CT Early Learning and Development Standards. The PPSF fellow would be invited to participate in museum-based projects such as the weekly Dual Language and Literacy project being implemented at a New Haven-based Head Start program through Family Literacy Workshops or be part of a literacy mentoring project with family childcare providers.*

*The mission of the programs housed at The Children's Building is to provide all children, their families and teachers with innovative and inclusive, exciting educational programs and learning opportunities. Supporting community-wide early childhood education and the development of early literacy competency are two driving forces of our work. We realize these goals through our many programs, with the Creating Kids Childcare Center providing the template and model for our museum's Educational Field Trip Program, Family Visits and the Saturdays @2 Creating Readers Program.*

- Specific skills/experience required for the project (*Please list*):  
*Experience with young children.*  
*Interest in early childhood education.*  
*Patience.*  
*Flexibility.*  
*A sense of humor.*  
*A love of books.*  
*Appreciation for the outdoors.*  
*Creativity.*  
*Team player.*  
*Very responsible.*  
*Spanish (not required, but helpful).*
  - Additional requirements (e.g. a car or weekend working hours). If a car is required, please include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement):
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- Briefly describe the work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your agency in the past and present. If you have not worked with Yale Fellows, please describe any work that Yale students have done with your agency.

*PPSF fellows have worked as Student Teachers in the Creating Kids Childcare Center and in the Connecticut Children's Museum.*

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