



Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area
Empower - Inspire - Support

Communication Readiness Program (CRP)

Classroom Aide Opportunity

About Us

Founded in 1998, the mission of the Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area (DSCBA) is to promote the unique contributions of children and adults with Down syndrome by providing direct services to them and their families, and to educate the general public by fostering inclusive and integrated involvement with the Down syndrome community and society at large. Our current programs include prenatal consultation; support groups; information and referral; education and workshops; AAC lending library; advocacy; developmental THRIVE classes, medical outreach and a mental health program

CRP- Summer 2025

Communication Readiness Program (CRP) will be a 6-week program, 4 days a week (M-TH) from June 16-July 24 from 8:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The students will be in the program from 9-12:00. It will be held at John Baldwin Elementary school located at 741 Brookside Drive in Danville. CRP is primarily designed for children ranging in age from 5-7. Our primary focus is communication, school readiness, and literacy skills. We will also have art, music and motor activities.

Responsibilities

This opportunity will involve working with children who are non-verbal or have limited verbal language. Classroom Aides will be expected to assist the teacher in prepping for stations, assisting the students during circle time, station work, free time, recess and in the bathroom. The job will entail working with all CRP staff including Speech & Language Pathologists and Interns to address school readiness and speech and language goals. Implementation of modifications/adaptations along with motivating and inspiring the children to work to their full potential are a crucial part of this position. This is an ideal summer position for those interested in seeking a career in Special Ed, SLP, OT PT, psychology or nursing.

Benefits of CRP Experience

- Rewarding opportunity to see the improvement in each child
- Satisfaction knowing that you made a difference in the life of a child and better prepared them for the school year ahead
- Improved understanding of the learning profile of a child with Down Syndrome
- Increased knowledge of ways to implement AAC into the classroom
- Resume building opportunity