

## **Counsel In Training (Rising 8th - 12th graders)**

**Job Type:** Apprenticeship

**Job Department:** Education

**Reports to:** Education & Community Programs Manager



## **About Chicago Children's Theatre**

*Since its launch in 2005, Chicago Children's Theatre has cemented its reputation as the city's largest professional theatre company devoted exclusively to children and families. The company evolved out of Chicago's need for high-quality, professional year-round children's programming to match the quality, & significance of theatrical powerhouses such as Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Goodman Theatre, & Lookingglass Theatre. Likewise, CCT has always believed children should be treated as the sophisticated audiences that they are, showcasing high-profile & award-winning talent, inventive production values & compelling stories that challenge, educate & entertain.*

## **Summary of Position**

Are you an 8-12th grader looking for some hands-on work experience this summer? If you are interested in working with kids and learning about theatre by working with professional theatre artists in Chicago, come on over to Chicago Children's Theatre for the summer and participate in our Counselor in Training (CIT) program! CITs will be mentored by Sivan Spector, the Education & Community Programs Manager, by creating goals and identifying growth. Through this internship, you can earn community service credits. Paid opportunities may be available, more information will be provided if you are selected to be interviewed. CITs will be selected for 2-8 weeks of camp assistance based on their age, interests, and availability.

**Below is the list of normal job duties, but it is not exhaustive.**

### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Assist and provide support to Lead Teaching Artists in the classroom by working with campers in small groups or one-on-one. Classes range in discipline and include story-telling, music, devising, theatre arts, dance, craft, design, & puppet making
- Prepare and reset classrooms for programming
- Assist with transitions and lunch time
- Occasionally lead group games during class time or transitions
- Possibility to assist with tech, props, costumes, and final Friday shows

### **Knowledge, Skills, & Activities:**

We are seeking candidates who are rising 8th-12th graders that have a passion for working with children and their families. The hired candidate(s) will be trained and assisted by teachers and staff members at Chicago Children's Theatre who are experienced with our curriculum and programs. Other desired skills include but are not limited to:

- Interest or experience in performance and craft (storytelling, singing, musical performance, film making, painting, drawing, puppetry, etc.)
- An interest in arts education and teaching
- Strong communication, organizational, and writing skills
- Attention to detail and ability to work under pressure in a fast-paced environment
- Flexibility and ability to work independently
- An abundant curiosity to learn & a willingness to assist
- A sense of humor!



**Working Environment/Time Commitment:**

Position may include occasional lifting (up to 50 lbs individually), carrying, pushing &/or pulling, climbing & balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching &/or crawling.

We are an equal-opportunity employer committed to accessibility and inclusion for all staff, students, and patrons, and priority will not be given to those with the ability to perform the physical tasks listed.

**Time Commitment**

- June 13, 2021 – August 26th, 2022, which will include one day group training at the beginning of summer and 2-8 weeks between 6/15/2022 - 8/26/2022 (please fill out availability in the link provided below)
- CITs will come in for morning (8:30-1:40) or afternoon (12:30-5:30) shifts.

**To Apply:**

[Please submit your interest via our online form linked here.](#)

If you have any questions, please email Sivan Spector at [sivan@chicagochildrenstheatre.org](mailto:sivan@chicagochildrenstheatre.org).

Participants are welcome to still sign up for camps that are appropriate for their age group, and work as Counselors in Training during other weeks throughout the summer.

**Chicago Children's Theatre is committed to equity, diversity, inclusion and justice in our organization and our community, and thus we seek a broad spectrum of employees. We strongly encourage and welcome applicants who are Black, Indigenous or People of Color, as well as those who are from other underrepresented communities. AA/EOE**

Chicago Children's Theatre is strongly committed to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion in our audiences, our programs and in all of our hiring for staff, artists, and recruiting of board members. CCT is committed to a future where our theatre is a home for all people, all families, and is truly reflective of our community. We are also committed to providing a work environment that is free from discrimination. CCT prohibits discrimination in employment against any employee or job applicant because of that person's race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, disability, genetic information, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, familial status, veteran status, status with regard to public assistance, membership in a local human rights commission or any other legally protected status.