

# HIGH SCHOOLERS, FIND YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

with a career in early childhood education!



## Do you...

- ★ Have an interest in child development and family relationships, and love working with young children?
- ★ Believe education starts at birth and want to contribute to educating future generations?
- ★ Have varied interests and enjoy sharing those interests with children and adults?
- ★ Enjoy being playful, learning new things, and getting messy from time to time?
- ★ Want to pursue higher education while working and making money?

**... then early childhood education might be the career for you!**

## Things you can do NOW to help jumpstart your career:

- ★ Get certified (or re-certified) in CPR & First Aid!
- ★ Take high school\* or college-level courses in Psychology, Developmental Psychology (\*WHS), Child Development (\*CFHS), and/or Early Childhood Education (\*GHS/\*FHS/FVCC).
- ★ Take arts electives and/or extracurricular lessons in music/dance/theatre, which will help you develop creativity, flexible thinking, and skills that will help you engage and play with young children.
- ★ Gain firsthand experience through babysitting/nannying jobs, volunteering with an after-school program (*such as Boys & Girls Club*), or working a summer job with children (*such as Kalispell Parks & Rec or S.P.A.R.K. at the Summit*).

## IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD, THIS IS IT.

*The most rapid brain development happens between birth and 5 years of age. Early experiences hardwire a child's brain, so delivering high-quality care and education is vital in setting up children for future success.*

