IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, Inc., www.irisct.org), a dynamic refugee resettlement agency in New Haven CT, has openings for short-term teaching position with our Summer Learning Program. IRIS helps people fleeing persecution in their home countries to start new lives and become self-sufficient contributing members of their communities. IRIS currently serves clients from countries such as Afghanistan, DR Congo, Eritrea, Iran, Iraq, Sudan and Syria.

This short-term teaching position with our Summer Learning Program runs from late June through mid-August; candidates should also be available for 10 - 20 paid hours between April and the start of the program, including up to three two-hour Saturday workshops. The salary is $23 per hour. If you are a culturally competent teacher with experience teaching English Language Learners, please apply. The IRIS Summer Learning Program will have approximately 100 students per day, mostly from Africa and the Middle East at a location in or near New Haven. The SLP Teacher will lead a class of up to 25 students, with in-class assistants, on a daily basis. For detailed information please review the attached job description.

General Description
The Summer Learning Program Teacher (SLPT) will assist with the coordination of daily programming for the 60 to 100 refugee students between the ages of 5 and 16 who are enrolled in the IRIS Summer Learning Program. The students will usually be divided into separate age and level appropriate groups to promote academic and social success. The SLPT will have a daily class of up to 25 students and will coordinate volunteers and intern assistance for that class. The SLPT will be responsible for creating a positive learning environment and assessing and meeting daily needs of students. The SLPT will be a representative of the Summer Learning Program and of IRIS, and will contribute to organizing visitors and welcoming them to the program.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities include:

• Lead a class of up to 25 K-12 students of similar ages and levels.
  • Review program design, existing curriculum, and lesson plans.

• Modify curriculum as needed, based on review, feedback, and input from various sources and in collaboration with the SLP Manager (SLPM) and Youth Services Manager (YSM).
• Maintain a language-rich environment for students who are all, or almost all, English Language Learners.
• Review and re-evaluate curriculum and specific lesson plans on a daily and ongoing basis to better meet the needs of students.
• In conjunction with curriculum and lesson planning, create a list of necessary learning and program supplies.
• In collaboration with the SLPM and YSM, assist in acquiring learning and program supplies, either through purchase or donation.
• Contribute to the organization and supervision of a daily team of volunteers and other program staff to best meet the needs of the students and utilize the strengths of the volunteers and program staff.
• Join brief team meetings at the start of each day to review lesson plans and daily projects, and at the end of each day to review and plan for the next day.
• Using the curriculum and lesson plans, improvising when necessary, and working closely with volunteers and program staff, lead students in daily lessons and activities.
• Create the best possible learning environment for the students in the classroom by addressing challenges early and working closely and communicating well with team members.
• In close cooperation with volunteers and program staff, meet the daily needs of students, including providing academic and social support for each student as an individual, contacting the SLPM and YSM with concerns unable to be addressed inside the classroom, and communicating on a daily basis with parents to share successes and troubleshoot any challenges.
• Assist in the planning and supervision of regular indoor/outdoor recreational activities both on and off site to promote exercise and healthy living habits.
• Working closely with volunteers and program staff, supervise students on field trips to ensure a safe and positive experience for all participants.

Supervises interns and volunteers, and possibly an assistant teacher at certain times.

To apply, send an email to Education and Advocacy Coordinator, at humanresources@irisct.org as soon as possible with the following:
- A subject line that says “Summer Learning Program Teacher: [Candidate first and last name]”
- A cover letter
- An attached resume including at least 2 supervisory references

Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received and until the positions are filled.