



OPPORTUNITY SNAPSHOT

CHILDREN'S PASTOR/DIRECTOR

Austin Oaks Church

Overview

Austin Oaks Church (www.austinoakschurch.org) in Austin, Texas is eager to welcome a passionate, experienced Children's Pastor/Director to the team. The right individual will energetically engage with a seasoned staff and volunteer team to revitalize a solid children's ministry into the kind of vibrant, fun and Jesus-centered experience that represents the very best part of the week for children and their parents.

The Big Idea



This Children's Ministry opportunity is a dream come true for a passionate, creative and committed leader. The ministry has numerous bright spots including an amazing facility, a team that loves Jesus, and lots of untapped potential. Currently, 200 children (birth – 5 th grade) are welcomed to weekend programs. Utilizing the "Orange" curriculum, staff and volunteers are eager to be equipped so they can engage the kids in a fun, age-appropriate manner. The bones of a vibrant ministry are there, but it needs a fresh vision and infusion of leadership, direction, and inspiration to see it revitalized into a ministry environment that draws participation from kids of all ages and builds momentum for greater Kingdom impact in Southwest Austin and beyond.

The Church



DENOMINATION: Evangelical Free Church of America (www.efca.org) **ATTENDANCE:** 900
ABOUT: With the arrival of Senior Pastor Brandon Zieske in the fall of 2017, a fresh wind of enthusiasm is blowing through the Austin Oaks Church community. As the church looks to the future, it considers this position to be a critical hire, stressing the importance of having a strong, vital children's ministry as a "front-door" to reach new families for Christ and a place of connection and community for those who already call Austin Oaks their church home.

The Candidate



The right candidate for Austin Oaks is someone who loves working with children and makes knowing Jesus fun! With a warm, upbeat and positive personality, this individual will understand how to communicate with children of various ages and will enjoy being their "pastor." The current staff and volunteers are eager to "raise the bar" in the ministry and ensure that those who serve are well equipped. The right candidate will be able to train and resource staff and volunteers so the ministry functions up to its potential and children are energized as they grow up in their faith.

The Location



Young, quirky and creative, Austin, Texas is an energetic, bustling state capital city that has somehow maintained its laid-back charm. Bordering the beautiful Hill Country region, the Austin metro area has a population of nearly 2 million and a median age of 31.8. With many parks and lakes that are popular for running, hiking, biking and swimming, Austin is a great location for those who love the outdoors. It is also well known for its many restaurants, and eclectic live-music scene that includes country, blues and rock.

The Qualifications



Preferred candidate qualifications include a passion for Jesus and for ministry to children. With a minimum of five years of experience in Children's Ministry in a growing church of more than 700 attendees and a bachelor's degree (ministry degree preferred), the candidate will have experience developing, coaching and overseeing both paid staff and volunteer teams. Ideally, the person will be an energetic, spiritually mature, emotionally stable and relationally intelligent leader who embraces ministry as a lifestyle, not just a stepping stone.

Next Steps



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