

Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis Performing Arts Child Wrangler

Are you looking for a meaningful and fun experience that will have a profound impact on children and teens with and without special needs in the St. Louis community? Do you find satisfaction in building lasting relationships and helping others realize their fullest potential? Are you passionate about the arts and how it positively shapes lives? Are you energized by being a part of a team and working together to organize and execute creative, impactful, and, most importantly, fun activities and supporting a group of amazing children and teens in having the best arts experience ever?

If this resonates with you, Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis (Variety) is seeking talented Child Wranglers for our Performing Arts programs to play a pivotal role in delivering impactful programs that drive our mission.

Variety is a catalyst for transformative change in the lives of local children with disabilities, providing access to critical medical equipment, therapies and innovative recreation and performing arts programs. Variety annually holds a specially designed theatrical camp for children and teens with and without disabilities. Child Wranglers work directly with campers to provide support and encouragement through daily camp activities. You will be part of a mission to redefine children's abilities and reimagine their possibilities.

As a Performing Arts Child Wrangler you will:

- Provide support to help camper(s) participate and complete camp activities and engage fully in the camp experience.
- Encourage and foster social interaction among all campers (Variety and COCA participants).
- Be attentive to campers' physical, social and emotional needs at all times.
- Assure all campers are properly supervised at all times.
- Observe camper behavior and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques.
- Help camper(s) eat snacks and lunch.
- Assist camper(s) in restroom and change diapers/pull-ups if needed.
- Be aware of and implement safety guidelines.
- Support program management team as needed with additional tasks and responsibilities.

A successful Performing Arts Child Wrangler will have/be:

 Hard-working with a good attitude, high energy, and ability to demonstrate sound judgment, patience, and understanding at all times.

- Strong communication skills and the ability to interact, engage and build relationships with campers, families, and the camp team.
- Interest in being a positive role model and making a positive impact on kids' lives.
- A solution-focused problem solver who is flexible and able to respond calmly, quickly, and appropriately in changing or stressful situations.
- Experience working with children and/or individuals with special needs and in camp or recreational programs is a plus!
- Able to lift campers up to 49 lbs to assist with changing and transfers.
- Able to lift camp supplies up to 25 lbs. and assist in loading and unloading camp supplies.

Variety Performing Arts Child Wranglers are expected and required to:

- Work on the dates agreed upon.
- Be punctual and check in and out daily with program management.
- Communicate appropriately with other staff, participants, and families.
- Follow all program rules and regulations.
- Be at least 14 years of age.