

#### Vol. 21 **April 2023**

# CHILD CARE SERVICES



Every April in America, we take an annual observance to raise awareness of childhood abuse around the country and — a promise to prevent it. Whether we are donating our time as an advocate or sharing our ideas with those around us, we can all play pivotal roles in doing something that enhances the lives of children and young people everywhere.

Healthy childhood development means a successful and engaged community. It means children who do not have to be familiar with the devastating aspects of life like abuse and maltreatment — the things that potentially prevent them from developing into happy adults worthy of thriving.

Founded in 1972, the national nonprofit <u>Prevent Child Abuse America</u> is an organization with chapters in all 50 states. This April 2023, they are building on the success of last year's abuse prevention campaign while they work to deepen their message. This year's theme is "Building Together: Prevention in Partnership."

To provide some additional insight on this year's theme, the focus is recognizing that all community members have a role in ensuring children have positive experiences and families have the resources they need when they need them, well before they are in crisis. Child abuse and neglect are preventable, and all communities benefit when children and families are well supported.

# Pandemic Relief

## CHILD CARE SUPPORT EXTENDED!



Oklahoma Human Services is excited to announce the extension of some valuable child care supports afforded through federal pandemic relief funds.

#### Through Sept. 2023, Oklahoma Human Services will continue to:

Cover 100% of family co-pays.

• Offer free child care for designated essential workers, including child care professionals.

- Offer to pay relatives to provide in-home child care for designated essential workers. The platform will not be available after Sept. 2023.
- Offer Stabilization Grants, including a doubled payment amount and an additional percentage increase based on the program's new star rating for the final two cycles.
  - Cycle 8 opens April 1 and closes April 30, 2023.
  - Cýcle 9 opens July 1 and closes July 31, 2023.
  - See the grants page for more information!

#### Through Sept. 2024, Oklahoma Human Services will continue to:

- Add \$5 per child, per day to subsidy rates based on attendance.
- Pay for 11 absent days.
- Cover 50% of family co-pays.
- Offer free child care for child care professionals.
- Pay full time days for school age children even when they only attend part time.

Thank you for continuing to support your community by offering safe, quality early childhood education environments for our littlest Oklahomans.

## PROVIDERS!

#### Please help us recognize our employees!

As a division, Child Care Services LOVES to recognize our employees! While we can all agree it is nice to be recognized by our peers, many times it means so much more when it comes from YOU, our providers. Truth is, many of our employees' good deeds are often only seen and known by YOU!

Please click here <a href="https://bit.ly/ProvidersPositiveStatements">https://bit.ly/ProvidersPositiveStatements</a> or on the image below to share something positive about a **specific employee of CCS** (Licensing Specialist or anyone you have had a positive experience with). You may submit multiple times!



### GRANTS UPDATES

APRIL PAYMENTS
WILL BE SENT
OUT BY CHECKS

IN THE POSTAL

DEADLINE

**EXTENDED!!** 

#### The Quality & Stabilization Grant

WHAT: Cycles 7 - 9 Quality & Stabilization Grant

WHEN: Cycle 8 opened April 1st and closes April 30

WHY: Quality & Stabilization Support

WHO: ALL PROVIDERS!

#### **Additional Information**

Cycles 7-9 offers a doubled payment amount and an additional percentage increase based on the program's new star rating on January 1, 2023.

#### Examples:

- A Five Star Home with a capacity of 7 will receive the doubled base amount of \$6,000 + 175% increase = \$16,500.
- A Five Star Center with a capacity of 50 will receive the doubled base amount of \$22,000 + 175% increase = \$60,500.

As our finance department works to process the payments, be sure to check your emails (and spam folder) for communication from the Oklahoma Human Services Child Care Services Team. You may also check the status of your application here: <a href="http://okdhs.org/childcaregrants">http://okdhs.org/childcaregrants</a>

#### **The Workforce Support Grant**

WHAT: Bonus Payment for Child Care Staff

WHEN: LAST CYCLE 4 opened April 1, 2023 and closes May 15, 2023

WHY: Child Care Staff Retention & Recruitment Support

WHO: Child care employees working in a permitted or licensed program

#### Home Address in the Registry Must be Current!

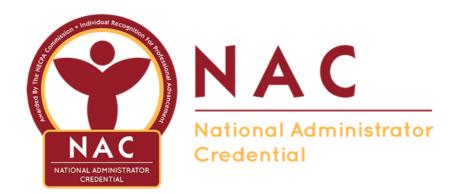
Workforce debit cards are mailed to the HOME ADDRESS the participant has listed in their Oklahoma Registry individual account. Participants can update their HOME ADDRESS by logging into their Registry account and updating their Personal Information. If there is a statement in the account that says, READ ONLY, they should complete <a href="https://bit.ly/CECPDParticipantUpdateForm">https://bit.ly/CECPDParticipantUpdateForm</a> and email to <a href="mailto:cecpd@ou.edu">cecpd@ou.edu</a>.

Participants who are currently active on the Wage Supplement and/or Stipend program AND need to update their HOME ADDRESS must complete <a href="https://bit.ly/IndividualSupplierRegistrationForm">https://bit.ly/IndividualSupplierRegistrationForm</a> and email <a href="mailto:stipendandwage@ou.edu">stipendandwage@ou.edu</a>

If you have any questions regarding the payment, please email <a href="mailto:cecpdfinance@ou.edu">cecpdfinance@ou.edu</a>

ATTENTION
The CCS Call Center
will be closed on
April 27th & 28th!

Got questions? Call our dedicated
Grant Support Child Care Services Call Center
Monday-Friday, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
Phone #(405) 521-6177
ChildCareGrantsHelp@okdhs.org



#### The NAC Scholarship Application has closed

Child Care Services previously offered child care program directors the National Administrators Credential (NAC) scholarship through the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program. This program was so successful all available NAC scholarships have been awarded! Please do not continue to contact the scholars program about applying.





Quality Rating and Improvement System

**Quality Care for Every Child!** 

Click the below link to apply for The Stars Program (QRIS), view application videos, request a coach or find your Stars Outreach Specialist.

https://bit.ly/QRISFlyer2023

# Conferencia Hispana 2023 \_











### SEPARA TU LUGAR!

Mayo 20, 2023 Renaissance Waterford OKC Hotel RSVP – 405-942-4179 kgarcia@okschoolreadiness.org









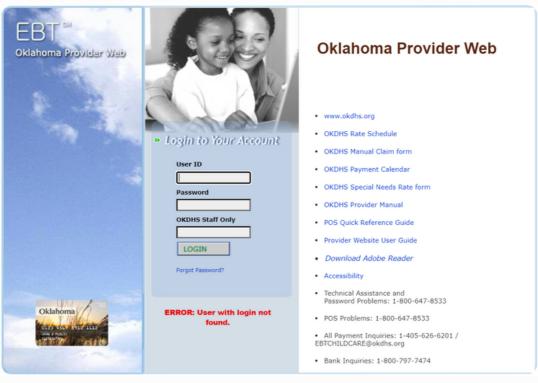


### Need help with the Provider Web?

Contact Conduent for Technical Assistance and Password Problems at 1-800-647-8533. You can also request POS machine and Provider Web manuals from Conduent at 1-800-647-8533.

Use our online handbook for more information including a 'Who to Contact' Section J:

https://childcarehandbook.oucpm.org/section-j/



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