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CHILD CARE SERVICES

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Happy Summer to our valued Providers! Please click the button below to view a quick video from the Director of Child Care Services, Brittany Lee.

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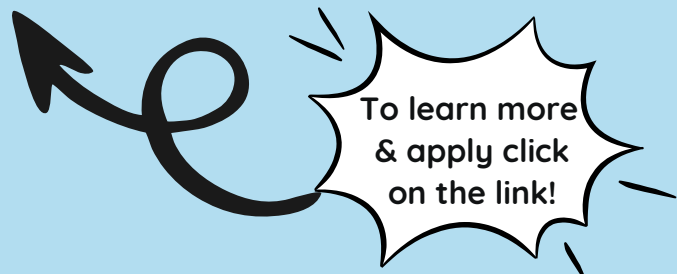
Exciting Opportunity!

NATIONAL HEAD START FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The National Head Start Fellowship Program (NHSFP) supports and grows early childhood leaders who come from diverse backgrounds, including a range of professional experiences, individual skills, and talents, and across communities. The NHSFP is different from many other fellowship programs because of its broad scope and support of the comprehensive approach in Head Start programs.

The NHSFP offers an intensive, paid work experience in federal program offices in Washington, DC, and has reciprocal benefits for all involved and is awarded on a highly competitive basis to applicants who work in local Head Start programs, the field of early childhood, or children and family services. Fellowships are awarded for a term of one year.

<https://bit.ly/NationalHeadStartFellowshipProgram>



GRANTS UPDATES

The Quality & Stabilization Grant

WHAT: Cycles 7 - 9

Quality & Stabilization Grant

WHEN: Cycle 9 (**the LAST cycle**)

is expected to open on July 1.

WHY: Quality & Stabilization Support

WHO: ALL PROVIDERS!

ATTENTION

**THIS IS THE
LAST CYCLE!**

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.

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:

<http://okdhs.org/childcaregrants>

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



Direct Care Organizations on the Oklahoma Professional Development Registry

Programs must be registered as direct care organizations with the Oklahoma Professional Development Registry by following and maintaining all items listed in the Direct Care Facility Handbook. This is new criteria for family child care homes. This allows primary caregivers to not only track their training and PDLs but those items for any assistants as well. It also assists in creating and monitoring individual professional development plans.

<https://bit.ly/OklahomaRegistryInstructionsGuides-CECPD>



Apply for Stars at: <https://ccmass.dhs.ok.gov/ascend/home>

Subsidy Spotlight

Electronic Settlement Payment Schedule

The EBT system processes all the attendance information transmitted daily from the POS machine and ECC Connect App and determines what payment you will receive.

The EBT payment week begins every Sunday at 12:01 a.m. and ends every Saturday at midnight. Electronic settlements are deposited into your account each week. Each deposit is for attendance two weeks before the current week. This allows for you to void any incorrect swipes and clients to enter any missed swipes.

The payment calendar is located in the online Handbook at:
<https://childcarehandbook.oucpm.org/section-k/>

You can verify these payments and attendance on the Provider Web:
<https://www.connectebt.com/ecc/siteLogon.eppic>



CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE WITH OUR QUALITY COACHES



High-quality child care programs never stop improving. Many programs have worked towards assuring Oklahoma's families have access to quality child care over the recent months due to the QRIS/Stars relaunch. Now that practices have been put into place, how can you continue to improve quality?

Annual staff and parent surveys are a great way to get feedback:

- Tailor surveys to gather the information you want. Looking to improve your playground? Ask families thoughts about the playground.
- Surveys are a great way to find out what families and staff want. Families may want to know more about their child's teacher. Staff may want resources on how to obtain a higher education.

Use regular child observations to create opportunities for them to be successful:

- Observations can indicate emerging skills of a child. Teachers can help children master skills by providing intentional opportunities for children to practice.
- Observations as well as individualized learning opportunities can be communicated with parents. Partnering with families can further build relationships and improve quality in your program.

Self-assessments allow programs to evaluate, reflect, and improve quality within their program based on their program goals and core values.

- Reflect on how your program is implementing your goals and if children's daily experiences mirror your core values.
- Use a self-assessment tool to indicate both strengths and areas of growth

Create a culture of continuous quality improvement in all areas of your program. Professional development and coaching are great resources to help your program continuously improve quality. Higher quality programs lead to better outcomes for Oklahoma's children.

HELPFUL LINKS:

- To request a Quality Coach: <https://bit.ly/QRIScoach>
- To find PD opportunities coaches offer: www.okregistry.org



New Database – Coming Soon!

The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care scholarship program will be launching a new database in July 2023. All scholarship applications will change to an online format. To access the scholarship, all child care professionals will need to have an Oklahoma Professional Development Registry ID. The new Scholars database and the Oklahoma Professional Development Registry are partnering together. Your registry log in information will be the same log in for the new Scholars database. Once the new database goes live, an announcement will be e-mailed.



**SCHOLARS FOR
EXCELLENCE
IN CHILD CARE**



What is the Pyramid Model?

The Pyramid Model is a framework of evidence-based practices for promoting young children's healthy social and emotional development.

Do you want to know how The Pyramid Model can help you support the children in your classrooms?

With funding through Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness and the Clearinghouse on Early Childhood Success, the Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration Office is providing 6-9 week learning opportunities with well-trained Pyramid Coaches.


CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR A PEER LEARNING COMMUNITY!

Upon completion of the Peer Learning Community for the Pyramid Model, you can be entered to win a Pyramid Model Preschool or Infant Toddler (coming Fall 2023) Classroom Kit!

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM KIT!

Each Pyramid Model Preschool Classroom Kit includes:

- Tucker Turtle Kit
- Problem Solver Solution Kit
- Classroom Visual Display Kit
- Emotional Literacy Kit
- Super Friends Kit



diagrams may not show all materials contained in each kit



THE PYRAMID MODEL CONSORTIUM
Supporting Early Childhood PBIS



Oklahoma Clearinghouse
for EARLY CHILDHOOD SUCCESS



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TRAINING

Virtual & In-Person Options!

Courses will be Virtual via Microsoft Teams or In-Person at Bethany Children's Hospital, located at 6800 NW 39th Expy, Bethany, OK 73008

Required for Virtual Training: car seat, video-capable device, & email for Teams link.

JULY (Virtual)

Wednesday, July 26

8:00am - 2:00pm

AUGUST (In Person)

Saturday, August 19

9:00am - 3:00pm

SEPTEMBER (Virtual)

Wednesday, September 13

8:00am - 2:00pm



OCTOBER (Virtual)

Saturday, October 28

9:00am - 3:00pm

November (In Person)

Wednesday, November 15

8:00am - 2:00pm

December (Virtual)

Saturday, December 16

9:00am - 3:00pm

For registration info, visit the QR code below, or the link. You can also call the University of Oklahoma Records and Registration at (405) 325-6808.



REGISTER ONLINE AT:
EVENTS.OUCPM.ORG/SAFEKIDS

The following are required for virtual training:
car seat | video-capable device | email for Teams

This training opportunity is offered by Safe Kids Oklahoma in partnership with Oklahoma DHS Child Care Services.

For information on class content, visit www.safekidsok.org or call Safe Kids Oklahoma at (405) 945-6709.

Cost: \$15 (must be paid at time of registration)



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Family Child Care Network

The Staffed Family Child Care Network was developed by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Child Care Services Division in conjunction with the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness (OPSR) to create a support network for Family Child Care Home providers in March of 2023 and recently held their inaugural SFCCN Conference in Oklahoma City on June 3, entitled, Joyful Journeys, which was attended by more than 100 FCC providers from across the state.

During the one-day conference, attendees were treated to industry-specific professional development around reconnecting to the joy of their work as child care professionals.

Conference-goers left feeling, “loved, valued, and spoiled” and full of positive energy and thankful for their new support network – the SFCCN.

As provider Tina Robertson stated, “It means the world to me, to connect with other providers. When you have your own business and you work at home, you don’t see very many people other than your families and your children. I’m very thankful for the training they are providing.”



[Video](#)



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