



Great Plains Child Care Resource & Referral Center



Second Quarter 2017

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Road Trip 2016



We did it again!

In September, we traveled those familiar roads on our 2nd Annual Road Trip – 15 counties in 15 days! We enjoyed visiting many licensed child care homes, centers & Head Start programs. Our theme this year was Bucket Filling. We shared lesson plans, resource information, activity materials – including the Bucket Filling Book & CD! We also stopped at each of the county DHS offices to visit with child care licensing staff while on the road. The entire event was chronicled in photos, games & giveaways on our Facebook page – we hope you were there to “join” us on this super fun trip!

Thank you, to ALL involved, for making this trip so much fun and for continually filling OUR buckets!

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Weds: 1-5pm
By appointment

www.gpcrr.org



**Child Care
Services**



Professional Development Post Fall 2016

Oklahoma Professional Development Registry

Program staff and directors need on-going professional development to maintain their

- Professional Development Ladder and
- Oklahoma Directors Credential.

To locate professional development opportunities please check out the

Oklahoma Professional Development Registry

<https://www.okregistry.org/> or
<https://cecpd.org> 888-446-7608



Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Association



Child Care Programs and staff need training and technical assistance. To arrange for:

- Stars Advancement Coaching
- Single Issue Consultation, and
- Ongoing Technical assistance

Please contact:

Oklahoma Child Care Resource & Referral

<http://www.oklahomachildcare.org/#/services-for-providers/ch14>

888.962.2772

Scholars for Excellence in Child Care



Program staff that are ready to work on a credential or degree in early childhood education, child development or school-age care that meet eligibility requirements can contact **Scholars for Excellence in Child Care**

<http://www.okhighered.org/scholars/> 866.343.3881

Professional development programs increase child care staff educational opportunities and improve skills and practices. A skilled workforce results in quality programs for young children.

FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Did you know we offer one-on-one Technical Assistance in your Family Child Care Home or Center Classroom?

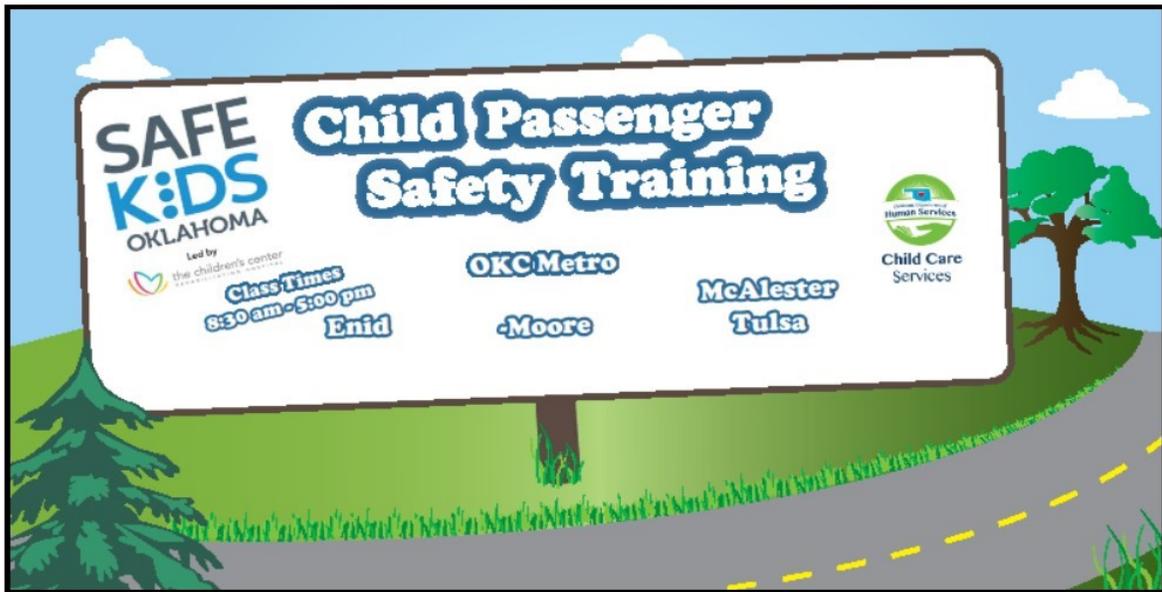
Topics include, but are not limited to:

- * Room Arrangement
- * Behavior and Guidance
- * Creating Policies/Handbooks
- * Communication with Families
 - * Customer Service
- * Marketing Your Child Care Business
 - * Story Time Strategies
 - * Transition Ideas
- * Color Photos of your Interest Centers for Labeling
 - * Equipment Inventory
 - * Die Cut Services
- * Eco Friendly Environment Assessment
 - * Guidance on NAFCC Accreditation
 - * & Much More!

**We also offer consultations over the phone and email.
We are here to help!**

Important Dates

- October 31st– Halloween
- November 1st– All Saints Day
- November 8th– Election Day
- November 11th– Veteran’s Day
- November 24th– Thanksgiving Day
- December 6th– St. Nicholas Day
- December 7th– Pearl Harbor Day
- December 17th– Aviation Day
- December 25th– Christmas Day
- January 1st– New Years Day



This training is offered by Safe Kids Oklahoma. If you currently have a staff member who has had this training, you do not need to have another staff member attend.

Come learn how to transport children safely.

Cost is \$25.

Class times: 8:30. a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For information on class content contact Safe Kids Oklahoma: www.safekidsok.org or (405) 945-6709

For registration information call The University of Oklahoma, Records and Registration at (405) 325-6808 or (800) 522-0772

Website: <http://events.oucpm.org/safekids>

Moore

November 30, 2016

Center for Early Childhood
Professional Development
1801 N Moore AVenue

Enid

October 19, 2016

Garfield County
Health Department
2501 S Mercer

McAlester

November 9, 2016

Pittsburgh County
Health Department
1400 E College Avenue

Tulsa

***December 10, 2016**

Health Zone
Saint Francis
5353 E 68th Street

*** Saturday Class**

This class was held in Lawton in August — For 2017 dates & locations check the Training Registry @ www.okregistry.org. The Training Registry is updated regularly!

Application Period Closes November 1 for Certified Healthy Oklahoma Programs

All organizations who wish to be part of *Certified Health Oklahoma* programs have until Tuesday, November 1 to submit applications for 2016. The **Certified Healthy Early Childhood Program** recognizes early childhood programs that are providing a healthy environment for children and their families, as well as their staff.

Criteria details and application information for all *Certified Healthy Oklahoma* programs are now available on the Certified Healthy Oklahoma website at www.certifiedhealthyok.com.

Each program has three levels of certification: Basic, Merit and Excellence. Award winners will be notified in December and acknowledged at an awards ceremony in March.

The *Certified Healthy Oklahoma* programs are a joint effort of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, The State Chamber, The Oklahoma Academy, Oklahoma Turning Point Council, and numerous other partners who are helping to shape a healthier future for Oklahoma.

Child Care Subsidy Policy Revised

Effective 10/1/16, Child Care Subsidy policy is revised to include 12 month eligibility periods. This means in most cases, families will maintain child care assistance at the current level for 12 months even when the parent loses his or her need factor. The new policy revisions reflect changes required by the reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), the main funding source for the Child Care Subsidy program. With the change in federal law, states are required to focus on the child's developmental needs in addition to the family's efforts at becoming self-supporting. Approving families for 12 month eligibility periods will support healthy child development by allowing for continuity of care and stability of child care placement. For more information on the policy changes, please review the Child Care Subsidy Payments Handbook located at <http://childcarehandbook.oucpm.org/>.

Training Calendar

Date	Cost	Training or Conference	Location	Contact
9/22	\$45	Pediatric CPR/First Aid 2 Year Certification Event ID: 205578	Elgin, OK	For more information contact Amber Cuyler @ 580-726-2172 or www.okregistry.org
10/22-11/19	\$20	Quest for Quality: Ok Early Learning Guidelines Ages 3-5 Event ID: 208953	Lawton, OK	For more information contact Tracy Hinton @ 580-532-6318 or www.okregistry.org
10/22	Free	Train the Trainer-Safe Sleep Guidelines Event ID: 207974	OKC, OK	For more information contact Sheri Brack @ 405-419-4179 or www.okregistry.org
10/24-10/28	\$30	Ethics and You Event ID: 208326	online	For more information contact Anita Lee @ 918-284-7492 or www.okregistry.org
10/24-11/9	\$60	Early Learning Guidelines Toddlers & Twos Event ID: 205689	OKC, OK	For more information contact Charles Brown @ 405-739-1712 or www.okregistry.org
10/29-11/5	\$20	Quest for Quality: Ok Early Learning Guidelines Ages 3-5 Event ID: 209799	Elgin, OK	For more information access www.okregistry.org
10/31-11/4	\$30	Infants & Toddlers Explore Science Event ID: 208327	online	For more information contact Anita Lee @ 918-284-7492 or www.okregistry.org
11/10-12/29	Free	Quest for Quality: Ok Early Learning Guidelines Ages 3-5 Event ID: 209601	OKC, OK	For more information contact Barbara Percival @ 405-942-0771 or www.okregistry.org
11/14-11/18	\$30	Diversity & You Event ID: 208334	Online	For more information contact Anita Lee @ 918-284-7492 or www.okregistry.org
11/14	Free	PAS/ERS Webinar Event ID: 190090	Online	For more information contact Jill Soto @ 405-799-6383 or www.okregistry.org
11/19	\$45	Pediatric CPR/First Aid 2 Year Certification Event ID: 205580	Elgin, OK	For more information contact Amber Cuyler @ 580-726-2172 or www.okregistry.org
12/13	Free	PAS/ERS Webinar Event ID: 190091	online	For more information contact Jill Soto @ 405-799-6383 or www.okregistry.org
12/17	\$45	Pediatric CPR/First Aid 2 Year Certification Event ID: 205584	Elgin, OK	For more information contact Amber Cuyler @ 580-726-2172 or www.okregistry.org
1/7-3/4	\$40	Concious Discipline 3 Part Series Event ID: 208465	Elgin, OK	For more information contact Amber Cuyler @ 580-726-2172 or www.okregistry.org
1/14-3/11	\$40	Concious Discipline 3 Part Series Event ID:	Duncan, OK	For more information contact Rachel Myrko @ 580-726-2172 or www.okregistry.org

For a complete training calendar of classes/events across the state go to www.okregistry.org

For online child care professional training go to www.smarthorizons.org/naccrra/okrr/

For more information on Pathways to CDA contact Vicki Rexroat at 888-302-9050 or 405-643-3247.

For More Information about scheduling a CPR/First Aid Class in your area: Contact Amber Cuyler @ 580-695-6999. For already scheduled classes in your area contact the local American Red Cross, hospital, or county health department for dates, times & costs.

Healthy Active Living Learning Collaborative

[Call for Applications!](#)

One in four U.S. children under age 5 is either overweight or obese. These children experience greater school absenteeism, miss learning opportunities, and have increased medical costs. Early education centers have a chance to support national obesity prevention efforts through interventions and supportive policies that promote nutrition and physical activity. The National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness (NCECHW) is now accepting applications from programs to participate in a Learning Collaborative process. This professional development initiative will give 10 teams the chance to implement healthy active living interventions in their program.

About the Learning Collaborative

Participants will engage in two in-person trainings to build fundamental knowledge and skills. Activities will promote team building and peer-to-peer learning for healthy active living initiatives around several areas. These include staff wellness, nutrition education, physical activity, and family engagement.

In addition, quarterly virtual training and technical assistance will be offered between learning sessions. Teams will use an action planning process to improve program quality. The teams will participate in a final in-person session in order to document successes, best practices, barriers, and implementation strategies.

Who Should Apply?

Head Start, Early Head Start, child care, family child care, and preschool programs are eligible to apply. This training is open to programs with previous experience in implementing policies and practices related to healthy active living, as well as those programs seeking to begin this work in this area.

The Application Process

Selected programs will receive \$3,000 each to assist with the costs of facilitating activities that focus on programmatic and policy interventions. For more details about the award, please:

Review the full Call for Application Guidelines: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/docs/ncechw-hal-learning-collab-application-overview.pdf>

Complete the Online Application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016HALLearningCollabApplication>

Download and complete the Budget Template: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/docs/ncechw-hal-learning-collab-budget-template.pdf>

Important Dates and Deadlines

Applications are due no later than 4 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016. This includes the Online Application and completed Budget Template. Applicants will be notified of an award decision the week of Nov. 21, 2016. For all other dates, review the full Call for Application Guidelines.

CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE INSTITUTE



Imagine transforming everyday discipline conflicts with children, adults and within yourself into peace and cooperation. This 12 hour training will help to transform your understanding of the brain as you discover insider secrets to positive discipline, developing character, cooperation, respect and responsibility.

If you are interested or would like more information on this class please contact GPCCRR @ 888-878-4417



Do you need training hours?

Check out Early Childhood Investigations Webinars!

You can have 6 hours of "informal" training per year. These webinars are FREE & 1.5 hours each. The best part about these webinars:

1. They are all recorded, so you can search the archives, find a topic that interests you and listen. At the end of the webinar, there is a link to print the certificate!
2. The topics are FABULOUS - all Early Childhood Education related.
3. The presenters are FABULOUS - all ECE or Business professionals from all over the country.
4. If you don't have time to take advantage of the live webinars (1pm-2:30pm every Wednesday). Choose a recorded one and listen ANYTIME ANYWHERE!
5. Did we mention...they are FREE?!

www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/presentations

Toll-Free Child Care Referral Line!
1-800-438-0008

If you are a provider and have received phone calls from families searching for child care but have no openings, please share this number.

The referral line representative can help families narrow their search to other possible providers. If you are a community contact and hear of any friends or co-workers needing child care, please refer them to this number. It is free, completely confidential, and a wonderful service for both providers and families.

**Congratulations on Your Recent
Star Level Increase!**

We are Proud of You! Keep Reaching for the Stars!



Hobart Head Start Kiowa Co. 1 to 2 star

Tina Langley FCCH Custer Co. 1 to 1+

Kirk's Clubhouse Comanche Co. 0 to 2 star

*GPCCRR offers free on-site consultation to help assess Stars Application readiness. Give us a call today and you too could be headed toward a new Star level!



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and click on the LIKE button.

We are excited to utilize this form of social media to keep you informed with the most up-to-date information and to stay in contact.

Oklahoma Professional Development Registry

ALL licensed child care centers are **required** to be registered as direct care organization with the Oklahoma Professional Development Registry regardless of Star level. You can register online as a direct care organization or as an individual at <https://okregistry.org/>

If you have questions feel free to contact CECPD: Toll Free: 888-446-7608 or 405-799-6383

Helpful Numbers



Great Plains Child Care Resource & Referral: 1-888-878-4417

Provides parent referrals, provider training, technical assistance, library and more.

Reaching for the Stars: 1-800-522-2564

A child care rating system based on quality and education

Scholars for Excellence: 1-866-343-3881

Provides early childhood educational opportunities through scholarships for child care professionals .

Warmline: 1-888-574-5437

Offers free telephone consultation to child care providers on behavioral, health & safety, and care topics. Consultants can offer ideas and solutions and refer providers to appropriate services and resources with in their communities.

Center for Early Childhood Professional Development: 1-888-446-7608

Provides training and resources for individuals who work in licensed child care in Oklahoma .

OKDHS Child Care Services County Offices:

Beckham 1-800-225-0098, Caddo (405) 247-4000, Custer (580)-331-1900,

Comanche (580) 250-3600, Cotton & Stephens (580) 251-8300,

Grady 1-800-433-7073, Jackson, Kiowa, Greer, Harmon & Tillman 1-800-493-7974,

Jefferson 1-800-493-7981, Roger Mills (580) 885-7546 & Washita (580) 832-3391



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The first five years have so much to do with how the
next 80 turn out.

-Bill Gates Sr.