



# Great Plains Child Care Resource & Referral Center



First Quarter 2018

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## Amber and Rachel are SUPER excited to be preparing for Road Trip 2017!

*September 25-29th*

If you would like your facility to be added to the schedule please email Amber @ [acuylar@gpccrr.org](mailto:acuylar@gpccrr.org) or call @ 888-878-4417.



### **Great Plains CCR&R Staff**

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888-878-4417

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Weds: 1-5pm  
&  
By appointment

[www.gpccrr.org](http://www.gpccrr.org)

### **Office of Background Investigations** **New Contact Information:**

**Office of Background Investigations**  
PO Box 268935  
Oklahoma City, OK 73126  
1-800-347-2276

[OBICC@okdhs.org](mailto:OBICC@okdhs.org) (Child Care) or [OBICW@okdhs.org](mailto:OBICW@okdhs.org)  
(Child Welfare)

You can also visit <https://bidspublic.okdhs.org> for the new  
electronic background request form.

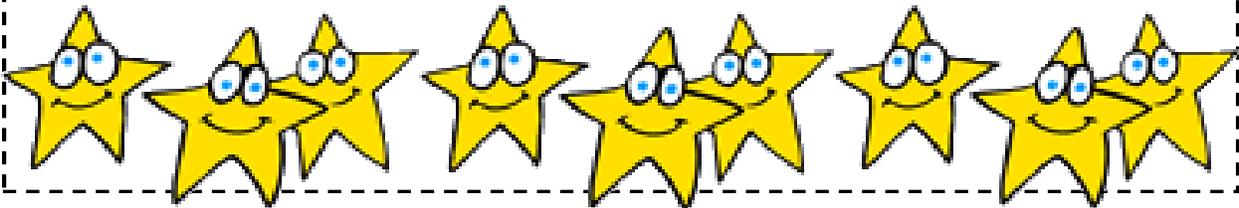
# Free Technical Assistance

**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
- \* Stars Applications
- \* 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

- July 23rd– Parent’s Day
- September 4th– Labor Day
- September 10th– Grandparent’s Day
- September 11th– Patriot’s Day
- September 22nd– Native American’s Day
- October 9th– Columbus Day
- October 16th– Boss’s Day
- October 21st– Sweetest Day
- October 31st– Halloween
- November 5th– Daylight Savings Time

# Child Passenger Safety Training

This training opportunity by Safe Kids Oklahoma in partnership with Oklahoma DHS Child Care Services. Come learn how to transport children safely.

(Please note this not a required training for Family Child Care Homes.)

Cost is \$25.

Class times: 8:30am to 5:00pm

For information on class content, contact Safe Kids Oklahoma, [www.safekidsok.org](http://www.safekidsok.org) or (405)-945-6709.

For registration information call The University of Oklahoma, Records and Registration at 405-325-6808 or 1-800-522-0772

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

**Stillwater**  
**November 2, 2017**  
Payne County  
Health Department  
1321 West 7th St.

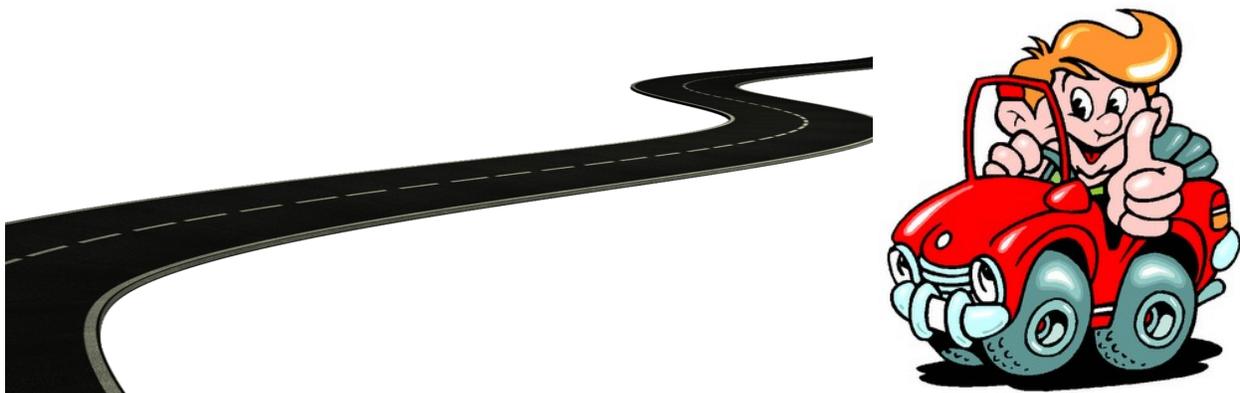
**Tulsa**  
**August 23, 2017**  
Tulsa County  
Health Department  
5051 S. 129th East Ave

**Oklahoma City**  
**October 19, 2017**  
Children's Center  
6800 NW 39th Exp.

**Oklahoma City**  
**\*December 9, 2017**  
Children's Center  
6800 NW 39th Exp.  
\* Saturday Class

**Clinton**  
**July 25, 2017**  
Custer County  
Health Department  
3030 Custer Ave.

**McAlester**  
**September 6, 2017**  
Pittsburg County  
Health Department  
1400 East College Ave.



# We Are Proud Of You!

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

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

\*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!

*Angel Academy— Star*  
*Mother Goose—2 Star*  
*Faith CCDLC—2 Star*  
*Kayla Barnett—2 Star*



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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.

## **OBI Live Scan Office & Mobile Unit Fingerprinting Instructions**

**The Office of Background Investigations pleased to announce that we are now providing fingerprinting services to DHS applicants!**

OBI opened a Live Scan office in the Sequoyah Building, located in C-26, on July 1, 2016. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00pm. The OBI Mobile Fingerprinting Unit will visit 15 county DHS offices each month, to assist DHS applicants obtain fingerprinting services. Please beware that these counties may change, as new vendor sites are opened in areas currently under served by Live Scan vendor sites. Hours of operation are Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Current Mobile Unit Schedule will be shared when it is available.

### **Criminal History Background Checks are a two part process:**

1. Schedule an appointment for fingerprinting at [www.identogo.com](http://www.identogo.com)  
or 1-877-219-0197.

2. Submit a criminal history review request form electronically at <https://bidspublic.okdhs.org>. (\*This link only works on Non-DHS network computers. To access this form from a DHS network computer use:  
<https://lro.prod.okdhs.int/requestinternal.aspx>)

### **Office of Background Investigations Contact Information:**

Main phone line: **1-800-347-2276**

Child Care Unit e-mail: [OCCSbackground@okdhs.org](mailto:OCCSbackground@okdhs.org)

Child Welfare Unit e-mail: [OBICW@okdhs.org](mailto:OBICW@okdhs.org)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 268935

Oklahoma City, OK 73126

## **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](http://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/presentations)

## ECAO ACCREDITATION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

**1. Award Description** The Accreditation Scholarship is given to programs that have demonstrated an ability or willingness to meet the standards associated with NAEYC Accreditation. This scholarship is intended to help deserving programs have the opportunity to pursue or maintain Accreditation by receiving financial assistance.

**2. Award Distribution** In addition to receiving a financial award to help defray the cost of NAEYC Accreditation fees, an Accreditation Specialist will work with the program to answer questions that may arise concerning NAEYC Accreditation. The number of awards provided depends on available annual funding. Applications are reviewed by the Accreditation Scholarship committee and are presented to the Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma (ECAO) Board for final approval. Applications will be reviewed three times a year corresponding with the General submission dates set forth by NAEYC. Notification will be sent at least 60 days prior to the next submission date to allow funds to be available to the recipient before the due date.

**3. Nominations** Those submitting an application should be able to:

- Demonstrate a knowledge of the NAEYC Accreditation Process and Requirements
- List SMART(Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely) goals for meeting the NAEYC 10 Standards
- Have a working knowledge of the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct.

**4. Requirements** Those wishing to apply must:

- Be an ECAO member
- Be in good standing with state licensing and have a minimum of a two star status

**5. Restrictions** Programs may only apply for one scholarship per year. For example, if you are applying for scholarship for Application/Self-Study you may not also apply for a scholarship for Candidacy within that same year.

**6. Recognition** Recipients will be recognized in our newsletter and may be asked to provide a follow up statement to highlight how the funds helped the program.

**7. Application** It is preferable to e-mail your application to ecaokoffice@gmail.com. If you must send by mail, download the application and fill out by hand (attaching essays, reference letters, nomination letters, etc.), and mail to:

ECAO –Accreditation Scholarship Committee  
Oklahoma City Community College Child Development and Lab School  
7777 S. May Ave.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73159

# Summer Science Fun

## Elephant Toothpaste

This exciting science experiment works great in a discussion on reactions, as a demonstration, or as an actual experiment. To use it as an experiment, perform it once with your child, then ask your child what might happen if you changed the amounts or left out an ingredient. Let her direct the experiment! Also, the foam created is safe to touch. It is simply water, oxygen gas, and soap, so if your child has no soap allergies, she can experience and experiment with the texture of the foam!

### How to make Elephant Toothpaste:

1. Set a soda pop bottle in the middle of a pan to catch the toothpaste.

2. Mix these in a separate container and swirl together for a minute.

\*\* 2 Tablespoons warm water  
\*\* 1 teaspoon yeast

3. Mix these in your soda pop bottle

\*\* 1/2 cup 6% hydrogen peroxide.

*is important to use at least 6%. You can use 8% or more (available on Amazon), or you can use Salon Care Professional Stabilized Formula. 20 Volume Clear Developer from Sally Beauty Supply works fine too. 3% from the grocery store will NOT work as well. :)*

\*\* 4-5 drops food coloring  
\*\* squirt of dish soap

4. Pour the yeast mixture into the soda pop bottle and be amazed!



## How to Make a Rain Cloud

- Water
- Shaving cream
- Food coloring or liquid watercolor
- Dropper or pipette for liquid watercolors

Start by putting a large dollop of shaving cream on top of a jar of water. Talk to the kids about how the water droplets rise in the air and condense on dust particles. A huge group of them together is a cloud. Explain that in this demo the shaving cream is the cloud.

Add drops of liquid watercolor or food coloring. Once it gets saturated enough it will start to rain. Just like in a real cloud.

# Training Calendar

Date	Cost	Training or Conference	Location	Contact
7/22	\$45	Pediatric CPR/First-Aid 2 year Certification Event ID: 218246	Elgin, OK	For more information contact Amber Cuyler @ 580-726-2172 or at <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
7/24	Free	Safe Sleep Event ID: 220239	Lawton, OK	For more information contact Jennifer Stover @ 580-251-8341 or at <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
7/25	\$25	Safe Kids/DHS CPS Class Event ID: 219173	Clinton, OK	For more information view training at <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a> or contact Devon @ (405) 470-2304
8/26	\$45	Pediatric CPR/First-Aid 2 year Certification Event ID: 217846	Elgin, OK	For more information contact Amber Cuyler @ 580-726-2172 or at <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
online	\$15	Literacy in Action-Learning to Read Through the Environment Event: 133108	Online	For more information contact cecpd at 977-380-7177 or <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
online	\$10	The Director 1 Event: 213723	Online	For more information contact Tenlee Bell at 800-346-4915 or <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
Online	Free	Child Care Basics for Support Staff Event: 213709	Online	For more information contact Tenlee Bell at 800-346-4915 or <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
Online	\$10	Hiring Techniques Event: 213721	Online	For more information contact Tenlee Bell at 800-346-4915 or <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
Online	\$10	Communication Basics Event: 213677	Online	For more information contact Tenlee Bell at 800-346-4915 or <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
Online	\$20	Becoming a Professional Event ID: 213717	Online	For more information contact Tenlee Bell at 800-346-4915 or <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
Online	\$20	Coping with a Crying Baby Event ID: 213688	Online	For more information contact Tenlee Bell at 800-346-4915 or <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
Online	\$10	Arts & Crafts Basics/Safety Event: ID: 213716	Online	For more information contact Tenlee Bell at 800-346-4915 or <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
Online	\$5	Natural Play Environment Event ID: 213263	Online	For more information contact Mary Kay Hooper at 405-643-3248 or <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>
Ongoing	\$25	Pediatric CPR/First Aid Blended online/classroom Event ID: <b>195718</b>	Web-based	For more information contact Amber Cuyler @ 580-726-2172 or <a href="http://www.okregistry.org">www.okregistry.org</a>

For a complete training calendar of classes/events across the state go to [www.okregistry.org](http://www.okregistry.org)

For online child care professional training go to [www.smarthorizons.org/naccrra/okrr/](http://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.



## Caddo Kiowa Technology Center

### Child Care Professionals On-Line Course Offerings

Contact Felicia Gallegos 405-643-3249 [fgallegos@caddokiowa.com](mailto:fgallegos@caddokiowa.com) for Enrollment

- Licensing Renewal Training Hours
  - Registry Approved
  - Center or Individual Subscription Rates Available
- One price, take as many hours as you want. Directors Training Free with Center Subscription

Early Care Opportunities Training Out of District Subscription Cost			
Tier Level	Number of Employees	Training Hours	Pricing
Individual	1	Unlimited	\$50.00
Tier 1	1-4	Unlimited	\$100.00
Tier 2	5-9	Unlimited	\$200.00
Tier 3	10-19	Unlimited	\$300.00
Tier 4	20 -49	Unlimited	\$400.00
Tier 5	50+	Unlimited	\$1000.00

#### 2-HOUR COURSES:

- Art for Young Children
- Biting at the Center
- Developmentally Appropriate Practice
- Making Families Welcome
- Infant & Toddler Learning Environment
- Learning through Music
- Literacy
- Natural Play Environment
- Only Playing
- Play and Outdoors: Safety and Supervision
- Basic Compliance/Infection Control for Child Care Centers**
  - Blood Borne Pathogens
  - Child Abuse
  - Fire Extinguisher
  - First Aid
  - Handwashing
- Health Related Issues in Child Care**
  - ADHD
  - Allergy Mgt. / Food Allergies
  - Asthma
  - Autism
  - Head Lice
- Special Topics for Child Care Staff**
  - Bullying
  - Corporal Punishment
  - Cyber Bullying
  - Discrimination
- Safety in Child Care Programs**
  - Back Safety
  - Playground Safety
  - Playground Supervision
  - Slip Fall Prevention

#### Customers Service/Parent Relations in ECE

- Confidential
- Effective Communication
- FERPA
- HIPPA
- Telephone Etiquette

#### 8-HOUR COURSES:

- Safety in your Child Care Center
- Health in your Child Care Center
- Working with families
- Child Care Record Keeping
- Growing in your Early Care Profession

#### 12-HOUR COURSES:

- Behavior & Guidance
- Learning Environment

#### 25-HOUR COURSES:

- Developing Age Appropriate Act
- Understanding Children's Growth

#### DIRECTOR'S PATHWAY TO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION - CEU'S ATTACHED

- Unit 1: Director Responsibilities, Skills & Attributes
  - o 15 Hours = 1.5 \*CEU's
- Unit 2: Planning for Business Success
  - o 25 Hours = 2.5 \*CEU's
- Unit 3: Planning for Educational Practice
  - o 15 Hours = 1.5 \*CEU's
- Unit 4: Establishing a Record Keeping System
  - o 15 Hours = 1.5 \*CEU's
- Unit 5: Hiring, Training and Retaining Employees
  - o 30 Hours = 3.0 \*CEU's
- Unit 6: Developing Communication Skills for Business Success
  - o 30 Hours = 3.0 \*CEU's

\*Can they use the Go NAP-SACC Assessment for Health trainings?

## **Like Us on Facebook!!**

We are giving away prizes, posting new trainings, and updating information on our facebook page.

Please like us by following the link: [www.facebook.com/gpcrr](http://www.facebook.com/gpcrr)  
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](http://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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*“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you have planted.”*  
*-Robert Louis Stevenson*