

Great Plains Child Care Resource & Referral Center



First Quarter 2020

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September 23rd-27th



We are ready to
pack up camp and
explore the counties.
Get ready for our
big adventure!

More news to follow....

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Cache Office Hours
By appointment

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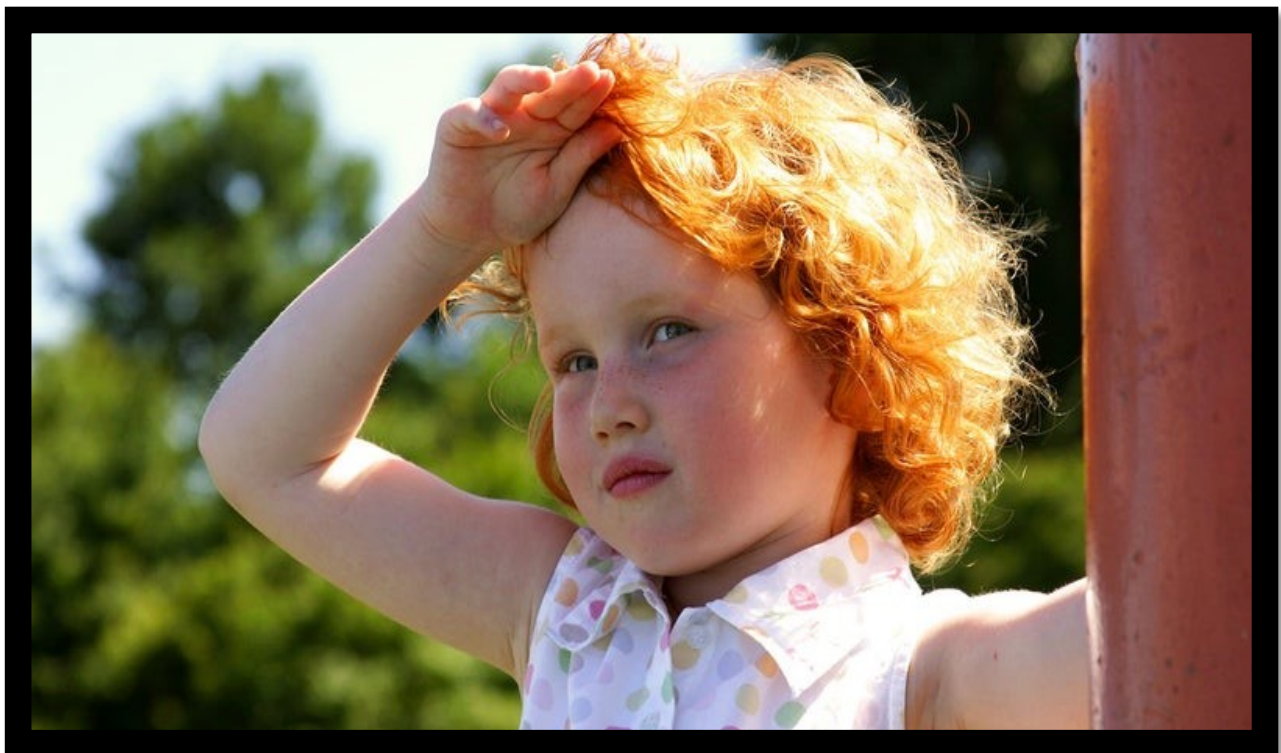
Our annual January Jumpstart conference will be held
Saturday, January 11, 2020. Keep an eye out for more details.

Children and Heatstroke

Did you know that young children are particularly at risk for heatstroke because their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adults?

Reduce the number of deaths from heatstroke by remembering to **ACT**.

- **Avoid** heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving a child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not inside so kids don't get in on their own.
- **Create** reminders. Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's car seat when it's empty, and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat. Or place and secure your phone, briefcase or purse in the backseat when traveling with your child.
- **Take action**. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations
- Information from <https://www.safekids.org/heatstroke>
- <https://www.safekids.org/tip/heatstroke-safety-tips>
- https://www.safekids.org/sites/default/files/documents/2019_hs_safety_tipsheet-eng.pdf
- https://www.safekids.org/sites/default/files/documents/spanish_heatstroke_safety_tips.pdf



Dear Prevention Leader –

In a continuing effort to inform the Oklahoma State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, we are requesting your assistance.

1. Please complete the appropriate online survey:
 - a. **PROFESSIONAL SURVEY:**
https://osdhcfhs.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_77IFoQxiBMjeFBH
 - b. **COMMUNITY SURVEY:**
https://osdhcfhs.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6zpN801DeQgNOJv
2. Please share and distribute this email freely to other advocates, leaders, providers, families, anyone/everyone interested in strengthening families and positive outcomes for children.

The Oklahoma State Plan surveys are available through COB August 16, 2019.

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.

Important Dates

August 19th– Aviation day	September 18th– Air Force birthday
August 26th– Women’s Equality day	September 30– Rosh Hashana
September 2– Labor day	October 7th– Child Health day
September 8th– Grandparents day	October 9th– Yom Kippur
September 11th– Patriot day	October 14th– Columbus day



We Are Proud Of You!

Congratulations on Your Recent Star Level Increase!

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

- * Angel Academy Childcare—2 star
- * Lil Caterpillars— 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!



ANNOUNCING THE Oklahoma Right Start **INFANT/TODDLER** Achievement Stipend Program

A new stipend program funded by Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Care Services for providers that work with infants/toddlers

\$600

One-time payment for those who qualify

AVAILABLE STARTING **JULY 2018**

www.cecpd.org



Training Calendar

Date	Cost	Training or Conference	Location	Contact
8/2	Free	Highscope+Class+School Readiness: They all work together Event: 249796	Lawton, OK	For more information contact Leanne Condray @ 405-215-4858 or www.okregistry.org
8/8	Free	The Health Plan & Proper Medicine Administration Event: 249795	Lawton, OK	For more information contact Leanne Condray @ 405-215-4858 or www.okregistry.org
8/14	\$25	Safe Kids/DHS CPS Class Event: 248891	Lawton, OK	For more information contact Kim Gray @ 405- 470-2304 or www.okregistry.org
8/22	\$15	Safe Sleep Environments for Child Care Providers Event: 248480	online	For more information contact Tammy Maus@ 405-364-2323 or www.okregistry.org
8/24	\$55	Pediatric CPR/First Aid 2-year certification Event: 240645	Cache, OK	For more information contact Amber Cuyler at 580-695-6999 or www.okregistry.org
9/12	\$15	Safe Sleep Environments for Child Care Providers Event: 248481	online	For more information contact Tammy Maus@ 405-364-2323 or www.okregistry.org
10/15	\$15	Safe Sleep Environments for Child Care Providers Event: 248482	online	For more information contact Tammy Maus@ 405-364-2323 or www.okregistry.org
10/19	\$55	Pediatric CPR/First Aid 2-year certification Event: 243387	Cache, OK	For more information contact Amber Cuyler at 580-695-6999 or www.okregistry.org
Online	\$32	Count on Math Event: 233234	Online	For more information contact Shannon OConner @ 800-232-4453 or www.okregistry.org
Online	\$15	Effective Communication with Children and Youth Event: 221148	Online	For more information contact Debbie DiBacco at 585-500-5877 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.

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!



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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