

GREAT PLAINS CCRR

"In this circle...we are trauma-informed. We connect before we correct. We stay curious, not furious. We understand behavior is communication. We believe in co-regulation, that kids regulate off the adults in their lives. We think can't - not won't. We empathize when someone is flipping their lid. We believe in restoration, not punishment. We believe that relationships buffer stress and build resilience. All of us need one another, always. Resilience means, we see you, we hear you, we are with you."

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Go NAPSACC



Join us!

Give young children a healthy start with Go NAPSACC!



From mealtime, to playtime, to story time, children have lots of opportunities each day to learn and practice healthy habits. Go NAPSACC is a trusted online tool that helps child care programs go the extra mile to support children's healthy eating and physical activity.

Getting Started

Go NAPSACC provides easy-to-use online tools and an online library of helpful videos, activities, and flyers. Programs like yours have used Go NAPSACC to improve their menus, add more play into their daily schedules, and educate families about healthy eating and active play.

"We started walking every day and now the kids ask to go for a walk."

"This allowed me to see the importance of having policies in place...and do more in the way of parent information."

Learn More!



Watch the [Go NAPSACC Video](#) to see how others have found success with Go NAPSACC.

Join Today!



Look for an invitation from an Oklahoma technical assistance consultant or state-level Go NAPSACC coordinator.

Get Started!



Watch the Go NAPSACC [5 Step Improvement Process](#) to get started.

For more information, e-mail Reaina.Harris@health.ok.gov

Go NAPSACC's 5 Steps to Success

- 1 **Assess** current practices in one of the following areas:
 - Child Nutrition
 - Breastfeeding & Infant Feeding
 - Oral Health
 - Infant & Child Physical Activity
 - Outdoor Play & Learning
 - Screen Time
 - Farm to ECE
- 2 **Plan** how to improve
- 3 **Take action** with the help of a TA professional
- 4 **Learn more** with our online resource library and local trainings
- 5 **Keep it up!**





Go NAPSACC is NOW AVAILABLE! In order to participate, you must attend one of the following calls for an introduction to the portal. Please attend by clicking the link on your prefer date:

August 1, 2023 at 5:30pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85961870978?pwd=SzNSelFOVWFUR3FSYTUzZENUSEw0QT09>

August 15, 2023 at 5:30pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88431959855?pwd=enNVbmEwZnM5c1dxRlg3TEtpVGxhUT09>

Thanks!

Certified Healthy Oklahoma Team

CERTIFIED HEALTHY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM



Certified Healthy Oklahoma is a statewide recognition program that offers a free assessment tool allowing businesses, campuses, communities, congregations, **early childhood programs**, restaurants, and schools to gauge where they stand on supporting health with an annual certification award showcasing their commitment to actively promoting wellness.

Benefits

- ◆ Oklahoma's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) additional professional development and program criteria option for 4 -and- 5 Star child care programs
- ◆ Recognition as a program that goes "above and beyond" to create a healthy, nurturing environment
- ◆ Your staff will benefit: healthier employees are proven to be more productive employees and have a direct impact on a program's success
- ◆ Recipients are invited to a special recognition awards event
- ◆ Enhance your program's image in the community and become a quality program

Eligible Applicants

- ◆ Only OKDHS licensed early childhood programs can apply unless the program is exempt from licensure
- ◆ Categories: ● Child Care Center ● Part-Day Program ● Out-of-School-Time Programs ● Summer Day Camp ● Head Start (Tribal or Other) ● Early Head Start ● Family Child Care Home: (Small: 1-7; Large: 8-12 children)

Application Sections

- ◆ Nutrition
- ◆ Health Promotion
- ◆ Community and Family Involvement
- ◆ Staff Health
- ◆ Physical Activity
- ◆ Safe and Healthy Environment
- ◆ Professional Development

Scoring

Early childhood programs are scored according to type of program, and each criterion selected is worth one point. Certification status is assigned according to the percentage of criteria selected by the applicant in EACH category. As a reminder, a **smoke free** policy is required for Basic, and a **tobacco-free** policy submitted with the application is required for Excellence.

Program Classification	Basic	Merit	Excellence
Part-Day Program	35%	50%	65%
Out-of-School-Time Program	35%	50%	65%
Summer Day Camp	35%	50%	65%
Family Child Care Home	40%	55%	70%
Head Start (Tribal or Other)	50%	65%	80%
Child Care Center	50%	65%	80%
Early Head Start	50%	65%	80%

Application Information

- ◆ Visit <https://oklahoma.gov/certifiedhealthy.html> today!
- ◆ CHO Assessment and Resources available throughout the year.
- ◆ Applications are typically open August 1-November 1
- ◆ Question? Please contact <https://oklahoma.gov/certifiedhealthy/contact.html>

Stabilization grant info

WHAT: Cycle 9 Stabilization Grant
WHEN: closes July 31st, 2023
WHY: Quality & Stabilization Support
WHO: ALL PROVIDERS!

Additional Information

Cycles 9 continues to offer 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>

Resources for Child Care Providers



Shared Services

SAVING TIME • SHARING COSTS • INCREASING QUALITY

OK Shared Services is a web platform with an extensive hub of tools to support the needs of early care and education professionals and programs. Quick links to difficult to find federal and state regulations, samples and templates of procedures, policies, forms, lesson plans to help manage your program more efficient and effective. The resources are created with the knowledge and expertise from early childhood experts in 28 states resulting in the highest quality, vetted tools. CCA For Social Good develops, hosts, and maintains the online platform. The Oklahoma Child Care Resource & Referral Association supports the program in our state.

Register today! www.oksharedservices.org

More [information](#) on OK Shared Services

Scholars for Excellence in Child Care

Providing Educational Opportunities for Child Care Professionals

okhighered.org/scholars



Oklahoma State Regents for
Higher Education

For more information contact Gina McPherson at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 866.343.3881 (toll free) or 405.225.9395

What is the Scholars program?

The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program is a scholarship program that provides a sequential professional development path for teachers, directors and family child care providers and provides scholarship support while taking courses leading to a credential in Child Development.

Why should I apply to the Scholars Program?

There are so many benefits for you! Professional Development, Financial Reward, Increased Education and the ability to take your career in child care to the next level.

How do I apply?

Contact Karen Huett or Hillary Godwin to begin the application process. We make the process easy by helping with the scholarship application, admissions, completing the FAFSA and we help you choose the professional development program that's right for you!

How much does the scholarship pay?

100% tuition and fees and 100% of books for the CDA and Certificate of Mastery and 90% tuition and fees and 100% of books for the Associate degree.

Stipends are also available for these credentials:
Certificate of Mastery **\$800**
Directors Certificate of Completion **\$1000**
Associates of Arts **\$1500**
Bachelors Degree **\$2000**

What are my options?

You can earn any of these credentials while attending your local Career Tech or Community College.

- Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential
- Certificate of Mastery
- Director's Certificate of Completion
- Associate Degree
- Bachelors Degree

All things Foster Child Care Homes

Outdoor Learning Environment from Clearinghouse

SFFCN Large Homes and Centers. We want everyone to apply!

It is a great opportunity for the Homes and Centers selected. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Griffin - MGriffin@okschoollreadiness.org

You can go to the Clearinghouse website and select 'submission form'.

Summer Safety Severe weather, extreme heat, water play!

Read this article from CCAoA on how to keep children safe. Plan, Prepare and have fun this summer.

Click here for the full article:



Families are busy, so how do we engage with them without overwhelming them?

Engagement doesn't have to be difficult, but the dividends are plentiful.

Family engagement takes place at pick up and drop off, through handbooks, newsletters, text, phone calls, Child Management Software Systems as well as the extracurricular activities: Celebrations, Dinners, Family field trips, Parent resource areas and Book/Toy checkout systems.

Opportunities for Family engagement are endless. You may want to survey your parents and ask them how they would like to be involved.

Take time to create opportunities for families to engage with your program. You are such an important part of their child's life. QRIS and Family Engagement -

Read more here:

<https://www.cecpd.org/en/resources/qris-resources-child-care-center/89-family-partnerships/>

Business Consultant's Corner

We are here for you!

We are available to work with childcare leaders, directors and administrators to strengthen their business practices and increase their leadership capacity. We offer training and one-on-one consulting.

**For more information contact Athena Jarvis at
405-480-0686 or ajarvis@gpcerr.org**

Covid Relief Funds Updates

Ending September 30th, 2023

100% covered copays

Kith Care

Free child care for essential workers

CHILD CARE SUPPORTS

(Beginning October 1st, 2023 50% of copays will be covered.)

(Except for child care employees.)

Continuing through

September 30th, 2024

\$5 Per day added to the subsidy rate

Additional absent days

50% covered copays

Free child care for Child Care employees

Additional funded supports

Child Care Desert Grant (closed)

Workforce Bonus (closed)

Workforce Campaign (completed)

Exceptional Needs Grant (closed)

Technology Grant/Support for ECC Connect (coming soon)

Training Opportunities

Oklahoma Clearinghouse
for EARLY CHILDHOOD SUCCESS



Call for Applications!

OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS GRANT



OKLAHOMA
PARTNERSHIP
FOR SCHOOL
READINESS

**Open to Licensed Oklahoma
Child Care Providers**

Aug. 1 to Aug. 15

Open Application Period

PRESENTED BY GREAT PLAINS CHILD CARE RESOURCE
& REFERRAL IN COLLABORATION WITH OKLAHOMA
PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS

AL'S PALS TRAINING



* Free 2 day Training

* Overnight stay & meals
provided

* Includes full classroom kit



Spaces Limited!

October 6-7th

**Hilton Garden Inn
Lawton, OK**

Registration Coming Soon

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE...



EARLY CHILDHOOD RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

FOCUSED ON EARLY CARE AND LEARNING



Sept.
19th,
2023

PRESENTED BY:



Devon Boathouse | 608 Riversport Dr. Oklahoma City, OK 73129

About the Early Childhood Research Symposium

This annual event hosted by OPSR will unite researchers, clinicians, providers, educators, Oklahoman state agencies, and public-private stakeholders as they hear more about emerging early childhood studies and practices.

The symposium is critical to the Oklahoma early childhood community as it helps essential information be shared throughout our state's organizations and agencies, ensuring that services throughout the state are current.

**Make Your Plans to Attend:
September 19th 2023
@ the Devon Boathouse:
608 Riversport Drive
OKC, OK 73129**

More details and agenda to follow!

CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER

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CHILDCARE PROVIDER

★ Nutritional Facts ★

Serving Size: 1 Miracle Worker*

Amount Per Serving: One Great Job

	% Daily Value**
Hard Working	1000%
Unrivaled Skill	500%
Passion	100%
Caring	300%
Sleep	1%
Caffeine	110%

*Not a Significant Source of Gratitude Received.

**Percent Daily Values are Based on Your Unique Diet.

Childcare workers are the unsung heroes who sow seeds of kindness, nurture the spirit, and shape a brighter tomorrow for the next generation