



# Caring and Sharing

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## Oklahoma Department of Human Services and Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Association, Inc. Introduce New Program

**The Oklahoma Right Start Infant Toddler Project was rolled out in the latter part of 2018. The GOAL of this program is to help improve the quality of the child care program by building a strong foundation between the families, the communities, and the child care programs. The FOCUS is to build relationships with providers and help create opportunities that support positive interactions with child and families. We want our providers to thrive and feel confident in their daily tasks in the classroom to enhance the quality of care infants and toddlers receive. We will strive to model positive behavior and support providers through resources, trainings, and technical assistance.**

**How will this program help your child care center? You will:**

- **receive free formal training.**
- **receive 30 hours of coaching for staff by an Infant Toddler Specialist.**
- **build effective learning environments.**
- **increase community involvement and support through resources.**
- **receive help with goal setting based on observations.**

**With the addition of this new and exciting program, the ECU South-central Child Care Resource and Referral Agency has hired an Infant Toddler Specialist to join the staff. Lindsay Christian joined the staff on November 1, 2018. She has a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Oklahoma and is currently working on a Master of Education degree at ECU. She was a caregiver in a preschool in Norman before teaching kindergarten for two years. Lindsay is married to husband, Preston, and they have four children, Chalin, Collin, Carinne, and Callan.**

**For information on how a child care center can qualify for this program, contact Lindsay at 580-559-5327 or lchristian@ecok.edu.**

**Information provided by Oklahoma Child Care Resource & Referral Association, Inc.**



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## OK Shared Services

Saving Time • Sharing Costs • Increasing Quality

Coming January 2, 2019, OK Shared Services is a password-protected platform featuring tools that support the needs of early childhood education and care professionals. By providing quick links to state and federal regulations, samples and templates of procedures, policies, forms, toolkits, handbooks, and more, OK Shared Services helps providers manage their programs more efficiently and effectively.

Because the early childhood education and care sector is challenged with rising costs, shrinking budgets, a changing workforce, diversified needs of children and their families and the constant demand to improve quality, OK Shared Services is designed to save both time and money.

Pre-negotiated discounts are available on a variety of products and services used by early childhood education and care programs throughout the US. Types of programs include: payroll, office and classroom supplies, facilities and janitorial supplies, uniforms, website development, food, insurance, and more. Cost savings within the program range from 10% to 55%, depending on the program.

Participation is by membership. Every provider will be given a free year of membership from their first login during 2019 with unlimited users. After the first year, membership fees are as follows:

Family Child Care Homes-\$35 per year with 2 user logins.

Child Care Centers with a licensed capacity of 99 or fewer-\$110 per year with 4 user logins.

Child Care Centers with a licensed capacity of 100 or more-\$150 per year with 6 user logins.

Additional users are \$10 each.

OK Shared Services is funded in part by OKDHS Child Care Services, Potts Family Foundation, Tulsa Educare, the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Shawnee Tribe.

For more information on OK Shared Services, go to [Oksharedservices.org](http://Oksharedservices.org).

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THE ECU CCR&R OFFICE ANNOUNCES THE HIRING OF PAMLA ARMSTRONG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. PAMLA WILL HANDLE MANY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES, ALLOWING GEORGIANA AND LINDSAY TO FOCUS ON PROVIDING SERVICES TO ALL OUR AREA CHILD CARE FACILITIES.

### **We are getting a new look!!!**

Remodeling has begun on the ECU CCR&R facility and we hope to have a new look with the start of 2019. Our Resource Room will be expanding and our Meeting Room will have greater access to technology. With the new features, we will be able to provide more services to all our Child Care Centers, as well as, access to our facility for a variety of functions to serve you. Come see us!

A huge thank you goes to the Chickasaw Nation who, working with the ECU SC Child Care Resource and Referral Center, held the 13th Annual Chickasaw Nation Child Care Conference. Over 260 attendees were treated to three breakout sessions and two keynote speakers that provided information useful to all who work in the child care industry. Congratulations on a job well done!

**On-Site Assistance Available for Your  
Family Child Care Home or Child Care Center Classroom**

Please call 580-559-5768 or email us for the following services:  
Georgiana Sullivan [geolsul@ecok.edu](mailto:geolsul@ecok.edu)

On-site Assistance includes:

- ◆ Observation and suggestions for new teachers or those needing new ideas.
- ◆ Room arrangement, transitions, equipment inventory, and behavior and guidance.
- ◆ Understanding of basic child development and building relationships with families.
- ◆ Information on how to get started with Reaching for Stars Quality Improvement program.
- ◆ Assisting Directors/Owners with professional development plans, contracts, handbooks, and signing up on the Registry ([okregistry.org](http://okregistry.org)).

**We also offer help over the phone and by email. Give us a call or send us an email.**

**Do you have staff interested in taking college classes?  
Check out the [Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program](#)**

**What Is the Scholars Program?**

The Scholars Program awards scholarships to eligible child care professionals to complete coursework in the area of child development or early childhood education, as well as the Child Development Associate (CDA) and Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) Credential Assessment. These scholarships enable child care providers in Oklahoma to improve their skills through education, receive an educational stipend, and continue the availability of quality child care in local communities.

**Mission Statement**

The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program ensures that eligible child care professionals in the state of Oklahoma have an opportunity to attend a technology center or community college to further their education while earning a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, Certificate of Mastery, Director's Certificate of Completion, and/or an associate degree in child development or early childhood education.

**Seminole State College — Child Development Courses**

[For Information on Classes at Seminole State College](#)

Contact Brittany May, Scholar Coordinator at 866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395

**Murray State College—Child Development Courses**

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**Are you interested in getting a bachelors degree related to Early Childhood?**

For information on our Family & Consumer Sciences (Early Care) program at East Central University, please visit [www.ecok.edu/FCS](http://www.ecok.edu/FCS) or contact Ms. Jan Long at [jmlong@ecok.edu](mailto:jmlong@ecok.edu) or Ms. Darcy Tessman at [dtessman@ecok.edu](mailto:dtessman@ecok.edu). You can also call them at 580-559-5743.



Contact Information for You

Center for Early Childhood  
Professional Development (CECPD)  
1-888-446-7608 www.cecpd.org

**Warmline** — 1-888-574-5437  
free telephone consultation for child care  
providers — covers behavioral and health  
related topics  
<http://warmline.health.ok.gov/>

**Scholars for Excellence in Child Care  
Statewide** — Brittany May  
1-866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395  
[www.okhighered.org/scholars](http://www.okhighered.org/scholars)  
**Pathway to CDA** — Gina McPherson  
1-866-343-3881  
[www.okhighered.org/scholars](http://www.okhighered.org/scholars)

**Child Care Services County Offices**  
Carter Co. (580) 490-3600  
Garvin Co. (405) 238-6461  
Johnston Co. (580) 371-4000  
Love Co. (580) 490-3600  
Marshall Co. (580) 795-8100  
McClain Co. (405) 527-6511  
Murray Co. (580) 622-2186  
Okfuskee Co. (918) 623-3100  
Pontotoc Co. (580) 310-7050  
Pottawatomie Co. (405) 878-4000

**UPCOMING TRAINING DATES**

Early Learning Guidelines — Infants, Toddlers &  
Twos

Saturdays, January 12 and 19, 2019

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Ada—ECU Child Care Resource Center

Trainer: Juanita Hall

Cost: \$20 per person, 14 Hours FORMAL Training

This training meets the DHS Requirements for Master Teachers, but is open to anyone who works with this age group.

Must attend both Saturdays to receive credit.

Must pre-register at [www.okregistry.org](http://www.okregistry.org)

Online Course: [Reducing SIDS in Child Care](#)

[www.cecpdonline.org](http://www.cecpdonline.org) click on Catalog, scroll down to course title

Cost is \$20 per person

This course is a 3-hour FORMAL training and meets the  
DHS Licensing Requirement for Safe Sleep Training.

Informal training may be obtained through webinars.  
[www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com](http://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com)



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