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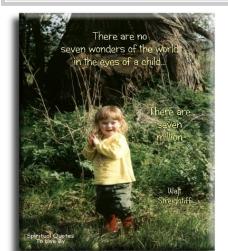
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www.ecok.edu/ccrra/

Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us at ECU Child Care Resource and Find us on Find us on Facebook Referral.









We know you don't hear it nearly enough but you are all rockstars! Day after day parents entrust their most Priced treasure to your care, knowing their children are loved and cared for like they love them themselves. Here at the CRR Office we celebrate YOV and thank you for giving your heart and soul to our to your precious children.

Watch your email or our Facebook ge for give-away options coming up in

RESOURCE ROOM

Bulletin Boards

Check out two of our newest bulletin boards, Spring is Sun-sational and You are un-frog-ettable! For a full list of FREE bulletin boards available and photos of each go to our Facebook page or our website at

https://www.ecok.edu/current-students/student-services/centers-programs/child-care-resource-and-referral-agency.



Upcoming seasonal bulletin boards available:

We're Having a Blast This Summer

Please specify color and number needed.

Our Class is in Full Bloom

America the Beautiful

Remember, if we don't have a bulletin board kit to meet your needs, send us a photo or a topic and we will put a kit together for you.

Die Cuts

We have added several new die cuts to our list of over 200 shapes available, in 4 inch, 10 inch and minis. Check these out. For a complete list go to our Facebook page or website. You are welcome to come use our die cut machines or we will cut them for you.

New Placemat available! Can be personalized with each child's name.

Remember, we can mail die cuts, bulletin board kits, placemats or cubby tags or we will deliver if we are going to be in your area doing training or bringing lending library items. Put your orders in now!

LAMINATING IS FREE. You are welcome to come do it yourself or let us do it for you. You can email what you want laminated or drop it by to us.

LENDING LIBRARY

Did you know we have 43 theme boxes and theme book packets, outdoor and indoor activity items w/ teacher guides, STEM activities, social-emotional activities, sensory items, books, learning kits, music and rhythm activities, infant/toddler items, DVDs and CDs, training items and much more available for checkout? Best of all, we will deliver and pick up. Contact us for availability. If we don't have it, share your ideas and let us find a way to help!!!

Call us at 1800-862-5593, ext 873 or 580-559-5768 or email parmstro@ecok.edu to place an order for any of the services from the Resource Room or the Lending Library. If you need an updated list of offerings, we can email the lists to you. Our office hours are 8-5, M-F, however, we are sometimes all involved in off-site travel. Please call ahead to be sure we are open. If no answer, leave a message and we will return your call upon our re-

How we have helped....

"The team at ECU Child Care Resource and Referral are a part of Gigi's Place Daycare team! I consider them a huge helping hand to myself and my babies! The resources that we have borrowed have been so fun and helpful. Parents and children love the bulletin boards and place mats. We celebrate every holiday with a new bulletin board!! We can't thank them enough!

Susan Hoyle, Gigi's Place Daycare, Sulphur



Asher is a proud young man after making a Halloween mural with die cuts and paper backing from our resource room. Kids love making murals. Some suggestions include aquariums, oceans, dinosaur habitats, spring parks with flowers, bunnies and more, caves or deserts, farms, zoos, trains or holidays. Let the kids use their imagination to create any environment they want or to complete whatever topic you are teaching. Let us know what they are interested in and we will supply the rest! Send us pictures of the finished creation (along with parental permission to publish) and we will share their accomplishments.

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

On-site Assistance includes:

- Observation, suggestions and demonstrations for new teachers or those needing new ideas or lesson plans.
- Room arrangement, transitions, equipment inventory, nutrition, outdoor learning, physical activity, and behavior and guidance.
- Understanding of basic child development and building relationships with families.
- Information on the Reaching for Stars Quality Improvement program.
- Assisting directors, owners and teachers with professional development plans and policies, contracts, handbooks, signing up on the Registry (okregistry.org) and registering for membership with OK Shared Services.

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

And the savings keep adding up! Oklahoma's nearly 900 members of OK Shared Services



saved over \$18,623.13 in 2020!!! This is if they only saved 10% on all purchases. Much of the time discounts are even higher. Providers spent \$186,231.34 on goods and services purchased through the Shared Services portal, not only saving money on item costs but receiving free shipping also. Lakeshore, Discount School Supply and food service agencies had the highest sales for the year.

If you aren't a member you may be asking what is Shared Services? This program provides assistance to all Oklahoma child care providers in a variety of ways. Not only does it provide lesson plans and other valuable teaching aides but your membership can benefit with cost savings, medical and insurance benefits, tele-med access, classroom assessment tools, form templates, help with job descriptions and training, communication skill development tools, employee benefits and more. (The ECU CCRR staff regularly uses OK Shared Services when ordering materials through Lakeshore and Discount School Supplies. The savings allow us to purchase even more items for our Lending Library and Resource Room.)

A monthly newsletter provides up-to-date information on a large variety of topics relevant to child care. These topics may include safety, dealing with trauma (very relevant during these times), interaction with parents, and much more.

A one free year of membership is granted to all Oklahoma providers. Membership fees for subsequent years are minimal and the service is second to none. If you as a center, or individual teacher, haven't signed up, do so now. (Directors, please share this program with all of your teachers and workers. They are all eligible for membership.)

OK Shared Services in funded in part by OKDHS Child Care Services, Potts Family Foundation, Tulsa Educare, the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma and the Shawnee Tribe. If you haven't had the opportunity to check out this amazing program, you may do so at www.oksharedservices.org.

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



Check out these posts and more added daily on the

ECU Child Care Resource and Referral Facebook

Page

Fun spring activities for kids



https://www.thespruce.com/s pring-activities-for-kids-2104334

By the spruce.com

Find us on Facebook



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By MidwestLiving.com



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https://mainstreetbelle.com/10disney-movies-forspringtime/?fbclid=lwAR3UTxm-OeeVwnkESwmxqTU6xN3sHxug 8h8PUWc3kuwrPhpAZ9 89CruV 7A

By Mainstreetbelle.com



Are you looking for new ideas? Do you need activities for older kids? Georgiana has been busy posting these and lots more on **Pinterest**· They are easy to look up and saves you time to plan without having to do the search· Click on this link to follow our ECU Child Care Resource and Referral Pinterest page https://www.pinterest.com/cresource/· New pins added daily· And remember, we have MANY of the items needed, including die cuts, in our Lending Library and Resource Room·

















Welcome to our new providers and new openings!

Kylie Ruiz, Nene's Playhouse, Wynnewood Susana Teran, Suzy's Angels, Newcastle John Barrett, Rhyme Time, Tishomingo



Brooke Dodd, The Learning Cove, Ardmore LaJuana Riley, Jenn's Cub Den, Tishomingo



Reaching for the Stars

Congratulations to Jenn Duncan, Jenn's Cub Den, on achieving 1+STAR rating!

Are you ready to advance your STARs rating? Star ratings do make an impact. If you would like assistance in obtaining or increasing your star level, we are here to help. Often it is only a matter of the completion of paperwork. Just give Georgiana a call at (580) 559-5304 or email her at geolsul@ecok.edu.

APRIL – JUNE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Most are FREE or have only a small registration fee.

You must pre-register for all training at www.okregistry.org. Please register early to prevent the class from being cancelled for low registration numbers. We have had to cancel several trainings because of lack of participation. Participants will be notified if the class is cancelled for any reason.

Safe Sleep Training

Several Self-Paced Web Based courses are available to meet the Oklahoma Child Care Services-Licensing requirement for safe sleep training. See the CECPD website for a full list of options and descriptions. The link to register may be found at www.okregistry.org

ELG Training

Several Self-Paced Web Based ELG trainings are available. There is currently an Infant/Toddler-2 online ELG available. An online 3-5 ELG is being developed. Both will meet the Oklahoma Child Care Services licensing requirement. See the CECPD website for a full list of options and descriptions. The link to register may be found at www.okregistry.org.

CPR Training



We have enlisted the services of a certified CPR trainer and plans are underway to begin offering a 4 hour formal training Pediatrics CPR course with hands on component. We will keep you updated as these courses are being scheduled.

Other Formal Training

There is none scheduled at this time. However, regulations on offering classroom trainings are being modified to allow safe delivery of trainings. If you have specific training needs or would like to have a specific topic presented, contact us so that we can make arrangements to get approval to offer a session. Trainings can be offered in your area if minimal enrollments are met.

Watch your email, our Facebook page or the CECPD Registry for new additions.

Self-Paced Web Based Training courses may be found at www.okregistry.org

Infant/Toddler Program

Lindsay Christian, Infant Toddler Specialist

580-559-5327 linbchr@ecok.edu

For the past twelve months, all Infant/Toddler Specialists in the state have been completing training in the Pyramid Model, Practice-Based Coaching and Conscious Discipline in preparation to begin coaching back in centers (implementation sites) once COVID restrictions are lifted. The Infant/Toddler program is being redesigned and details on the program are forth-coming.

Although specifics are not available at this time, we do know that providers participating in this program must complete Pyramid Model Training. It is currently being offered **AT NO CHARGE** on the Oklahoma Professional Development Registry. Registration is accomplished the same as with all other formal training at www.okregistry.org. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call Lindsay or Georgiana at 580-559-5768.

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO COMPLETE THIS TRAINING WHILE IT IS STILL FREE.



QRIS Stars Outreach Specialists!

We are always available to answer any questions regarding Stars criteria or assist you in applying for Stars or increasing your Star level.

Misti Denton, Stars Outreach Specialist - East

E-Mail: Misti.Denton@okdhs.org

Phone: 918-344-4368 Fax: 918-207-4632

Adair, Atoka, Bryan, Cherokee, Choctaw, Coal, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Kay, Latimer, Leflore, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mayes, McCurtain, McIntosh, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Pushmataha, Rogers, Seminole, Sequoyah, Tulsa, Wagoner, Washington

Tiffany McPherson, Stars Outreach Specialist - West

E-Mail: <u>Tiffany.McPherson@okdhs.org</u>

Phone: (918) 348-8515 Fax: (918) 752-2090

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What is the Pyramid Model and why are so many early childhood professionals in Oklahoma (and across the country) talking about it? It is a proven way to teach and support young children in understanding and managing their emotions, which helps children handle life's tough situations with greater resiliency and hope. Oklahoma is one of 35 states working to implement these evidence-based practices that help teachers and families work together to provide responsive, supportive, positive environments in which all of our children can learn and thrive.

To learn more about the Pyramid Model, you can now take a free one-hour overview on the Statewide Training Calendar. [Type "Pyramid" in the course title search on the Statewide Training Calendar. (https://okregistry.org/v7/trainings/search)] The course name is Building Positive Social Emotional Skills for All Children: Introducing the Pyramid Model Framework, course #267798.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD April 10-16, 2021

Join with OKDHS Child Care Services in celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities through NAEYC's Celebration of Week of the Young Child 2021.

The NAEYC website provides the resources you need to plan an event or activity. For every day during the week of April 10-16, 2021, the website highlights a learning topic and suggests specific activities for families and your local community. This year, all activity resources are virtual to allow social distancing while you celebrate. You can view the full list of activities at https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/plan-your-event.

April 10 - Kick-Off Saturday

April 12 - Music Monday

April 13 – Tasty Tuesday

April 14 - Work Together Wednesday

April 15 - Artsy Thursday

April 16 - Family Friday



Additional information may be found at https://www.waterford.org/resources/ideas-celebrating-naeycs-week-young-child/

<u>Do you have staff interested in taking college classes and earning money while doing so?</u> Check out the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program offered by the Oklahoma Stae Regents for Higher Education

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.

Stipends Available

Stipends are available through the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program, valued from \$800-\$1200, for eligible scholars as they earn one or more credentials. Credentials can be earned toward CDA, CCP, CoM, SACoC, DCoC, DCoM, an Associate Degree or a Bachelor's Degree.

For more information about career tech, other community colleges and assessment scholarships, visit our website at www/okhighered.org/scholars or call your local Campus Connection listed below or contact

Bailey Maxey, OSRHE Scholars Program Coordinator, at 866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395 bmaxey@osrhe.edu

Murray State College—Child Development Courses

Contact: TBN*, Scholar Coordinator, at 580-387-7412

Seminole State College — Child Development Courses

Contact: TBN*, Scholar Coordinator, at 405-382-9751

Programs available at Carl Albert State College, Connors State College, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Murray State College, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Northern Oklahoma College, Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma State University-OKC, Redlands Community College, Rose State College, Seminole State College, Tulsa Community College, and Western Oklahoma State College

*Contact Bailey Maxey (bmaxey@osrhe.edu) at the OSRHE Scholars Program Office until on site position is filled.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IS COMING!

Child Abuse
PREVENTION

April is the time to raise awareness and promote prevention efforts across Oklahoma (and the country). Whether you're planting pinwheel gardens, tying blue ribbons on trees, or hosting a special event; you are joining the effort to raise awareness and protect children. And, there are so many ways to GET INVOLVED.

For more information go to https://app.box.com/s/0jc2rbq6ny81lugvylba8vrkdv8ikjw0

OKLAHOMA REGISTRY

Certificate of Achievement Stipend Program







We have heard your concerns regarding the application process and training for Certificate of Achievements Stipends. To better serve you, beginning Friday, March 12, 2021

Certificate of Achievement Stipend APPLICATIONS

Current guidelines require that all applications for the four (4) stipends must be submitted by June 30, 2021. We have *extended the deadline to submit your applications until September 30, 2021*.

Cetificate of Achievement Stipend TRAINING

We have changed the training calculation process for the 2nd-5th Certificates of Achievement. For the 1st Certificate, we look back five (5) years and for the 2nd-5th Certificates we now look back 12 months.

BENEFIT: You can take training for multiple Certificates of Achievement at the same time. However, you can only apply for one Certificate at a time.

1st Cert of Achievement - Looks back five (5) years for training

2nd Cert of Achievement – looks back 12 months from the application date

3rd Cert of Achievement – looks back 12 months from the application date

4th Cert of Achievement – looks back 12 months from the application date

5th Cert of Achievement - looks back 12 months from the application date

REMINDER: STIPEND TRAINING IS SPECIFIC

Training is specific! Be sure you are taking the right ones. See below to locate approved trainings for each Certificate. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3, 4.

- 1. Visit the Statewide Training Calendar at www.okregistry.org.
- 2. On the left navigation menu, click on Training Content.
- 3. Click on Certificate of Achievement and Stipend.
- 4. Choose the Certificate of Achievement you are interested in and the required classes will be displayed.

We believe these changes will make a positive difference in the Stipend process.

If you were denied a Certificate of Achievement because you took an approved training before a previous Certificate of Achievement was awarded, you do not need to call CECPD; you can simply reapply, and approved trainings you have taken in the past year will be reviewed.

Warmest regards,

Susan J. Kimmel, Ph.D. Please feel free to contact Dr. Kimmel

The University of Oklahoma with your thoughts, ideas, recommendations

Executive Director or concerns. skimmel@ou.edu

Center for Early Childhood Professional Development

Follow this link to find out what the stipend program is if you have not participated in it before.

https://www.cecpd.org/en/provider-programs/oklahoma-registry-certificate-of-achievement-and-stipend-program/

This link is an FAQ which addresses the program and the new changes.

https://www.cecpd.org/media/2020/06/30/Stipend%20Change%20FAQs%20Effective%208-1-2020.pdf

CHILD CARE WARMLINE

THE WARMLINE FOR OKLAHOMA CHILD CARE PROVIDERS OFFERS FREE TELEPHONE CONSULTATION TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS ON NUMEROUS TOPICS OF CONCERN. CONSULTANTS REFER PROVIDERS TO APPROPRIATE SERVICES AND RESOURCES WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

A CONSULTANT CAN HELP CLARIFY A PROBLEM, PROVIDE INFORMATION, HELP GENERATE IDEAS AND SOLUTIONS, OF-FER GUIDANCE ON DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICES, PROVIDE REFERRALS TO MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND REQUESTS, DIRECT PROVIDERS TO RELEVANT RESOURCES TO ASSIST WITH A CONCERN, AND PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP WHEN NEEDED.

CALL: 1-888-574-5437

EMAIL YOUR QUESTIONS: WARMLINE @HEALTH.OK.GOV GO ONLINE: HTTP://WARMLINE.HEALTH.OK.GOV/

Fun Days Ahead in 2021

April May June

2-Peanut Butter 1-Space Day 1-National Child's Day

And Jelly Day 1-Mother Goose Day 1-Say Something Nice Day

2-Children's Book Day 3-Lemonde Day 4-Donut Day

3-World Aquatic 4-Firefighters Day 8-Best Friends Day

Animal Day 6-Nurse's Day 8-World Oceans Day

9-Unicorn 8-Train Day 9-Donald Duck Day

11-Pet Day 9-Mother's Day 14-Flag Day

12-Grilled Cheese 10-Mother Ocean Day 17-Eat Your Vegetables Day

Sandwich Day 15-Armed Forces Day 18-Int'l Picnic Day

14-Day of Pink Day 15-Int'l Astronomy Day 18-Go Fishing Day

18-Animal Cracker Day 20-World Bee Day 20-Fathers Day

21-Banana Day 23-Turtle Day 21-World Music Day

22-Earth Day 28-Hamburger Day 22-World Rainforest Day

27-Tell a Story Day 30-Water a Flower Day 27-Pineapple Day

28-Superhero Day 31-Memorial Day 27-Sunglasses Day

Source: https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/2021 and

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_observances_in_the_United_States_by_preside

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Contacts and Resources

Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD)

1-888-446-7608 www.cecpd.org

Locating Quality Child Care 1-800-438-0008

Oklahoma DHS Child Care Services 1-844-834-8314

Oklahoma Professional Development Registry www.okregistry.org

Child Care Services County Offices

Carter Co. (580) 490-3600° Garvin Co. (405) 238-6461 Johnston Co. (580) 618-6256 Love Co. (580) 490-3600 Marshall Co. (580) 618-6256 McClain Co. (405) 238-6461 or (405) 248-8069 Murray Co. (580) 618-6256 Pontotoc Co. (580) 310-7050 Pottawatomie Co. (405) 912-2068 Okfuskee Co. (918) 752-2078 Seminole Co. (405) 214-4147

Office of Background Investigations 1-800-347-2276

Reaching for the Stars

Misti Denton-Serving counties east of I-35 1-800-225-9868 Misti.Denton@okdhs.org

Tiffany McPherson-Serving counties west of I-35 1-800-884-1582 Tiffany.Mcpherson@okdhs.org

Scholars for Excellence in Child Care

www.okhighered.org/scholars
<u>Statewide Contact</u> — Bailey Maxey
1-866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395

Pathway to CDA — Bailey Maxey 1-866-343-3881

Warmline — 1-888-574-5437

Free telephone consultation for child care providers — covers

behavioral and health related topics. http://warmline.health.ok.gov/

Congratulations to the winners of the drawing for meeting the deadline for submitting their biannual update forms!

Brenda Wilson

Brittany Austin

Becky's Family Child Care Center

Chelle's Daycare

Shepherd's Flock Home Child Care

Watch your email or our facebook page for more opportunities to win.



REMINDER: Due to COVID-19, many of the Idemia fingerprinting locations, including the site located at the Sequoyah building in OKC, are not accepting walk-ins at this time. Please do not send applicants to be fingerprinted without a scheduled appointment. Use the link below to schedule an appointment to prevent applicants from being turned away.

https://ok.ibtfingerprint.com/