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Child Care Services

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HAPPY
New Year's

Happy New Year!

We are excited for another amazing year serving Oklahoma's children and families with some of the most incredible people we know. Stay tuned to our newsletters for updates from our division and the child care industry.

Click the link below to view the messages about the continuation of the \$5/day subsidy add-on and tablets for licensed providers.

Thank you!

Brittany Lee

Director of Child Care Services

A graphic of an open envelope with a white card inside. The card contains the text "A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHILD CARE SERVICES DIRECTOR" in a bold, underlined font.

A MESSAGE
FROM OUR
CHILD CARE
SERVICES
DIRECTOR

Subsidy Spotlight



1099 INFORMATION

The 1099 tax forms should be mailed from Conduent the last week of January. They will also display on the Provider Web, <https://www.okconnectecc.com/ecc/> the first week of February.

If you need assistance with your 1099, call Conduent at 1-866-528-1127.

What to Expect at a Stars Review



Below is a link to a short video that explains the monitoring process for programs that participate in Oklahoma's Quality Rating and Improvement System.

[QRIS Monitoring & Stars - Video Review](#)

Resources available to assist in meeting QRIS criteria:

- **Child Care Centers:**

[QRIS Resources - Child Care Center - CECPD](#)

- **Family Child Care Homes:**

[QRIS Resources - Family Child Care Home - CECP](#)

- **Request a Quality Coach:**

[I'd like coaching_\(oklahoma.gov\)](#)

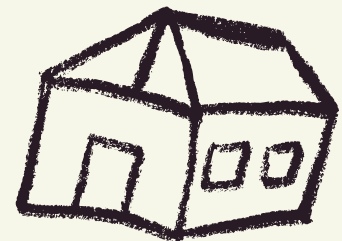
- **QRIS Questions:** QRIS@okdhs.org

CCS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

This survey aims to gather feedback on the perceived value of your work, satisfaction with CCS assistance, and utilization of ARPA Stabilization grant relief funds. Your responses will contribute to Oklahoma's CCDF State Plan and assess the impact of ARPA funds on the child care industry. Your input is crucial in shaping future policies and support for the child care industry.



BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A SURVEY LINK WHICH WILL BE COMING YOUR WAY SOON!



If you have any questions regarding the completion of this survey, you may contact the Child Care Services Helpline, at 405-521-6177 or email ChildCareGrantsHelp@okdhs.org

A Study Opportunity

The University of Virginia research team is looking for early childhood educators of color who are interested in sharing their experiences in early care and education settings. Our study aims to understand the organizational environment and well-being of early childhood educators of color in diverse settings and identify strategies to provide adequate support and resources.

DO YOU...

- **IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS AN EDUCATOR OF COLOR?**
- **WORK WITH CHILDREN OF AGES 0 TO 5?**
- **WORK IN A CENTER-BASED SETTING?**

If so, you are invited to participate in an online survey. The survey will ask about your experiences in your program as an educator of color, the resources and support around you, and your well-being.

Time Required: 25 Minutes

Incentive: \$50 Amazon e-gift card random drawing (200 people)

To participate in the study, please click on this link:

https://virginia.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_afmlv2dn9lsRMIE

Contact Information:

For more information, please contact us at: ecwellbeing@virginia.edu

Principal Investigator: Lieny Jeon, PhD

Consent form: <https://rb.gy/sn2qn3> |

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CCS Quality Coaches

ARE COMING YOUR WAY!

Starting in January Child Care Services will be providing licensed and permitted programs across the state with a brand-new tablet. The Quality Coaches will be visiting providers in the coming months to deliver the tablets. This is a great opportunity to meet your coach.

The tablets are meant to aid providers in utilizing the ECC Connect app as well as assisting providers in the transition from paper to digital processes. Child Care Services is excited to be in a position where we can provide these tablets to child care providers.

Quality Coaches look forward to seeing each provider throughout the state! Keep an eye on your email so you will know when your coach will be in your area!

Training Opportunity!

For more information or to enroll in a course near you at [Registry - Event Search \(okregistry.org\)](https://www.okregistry.org).

For a full description of the available trainings click [here!](#)

- It's Never "Just" Play
- Circle Time: Thinking Outside the Box
- Relationship-Based and Reflective Organizations
- Building Collaborative Relationships with Families





OKLAHOMA
State Department
of Health

Overview of GO NAPSACC training

(CECPD approved professional development hours)

02/15/2024 6:00pm-8pm

Applies Toward

✓ Formal Approved

Core Competency Areas

✓ Health, Safety and Nutrition (2.00 hr)

CDA Content Areas

✓ Planning a safe, healthy, learning environment (2.00 hr)

Infant Mental Health Core Competency Areas

✓ Direct Service Skills (1.00 hr)

✓ Thinking (1.00 hr)

Registration link: [click to fill out](#)



Oklahoma State Health Department

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CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TRAINING

Virtual & In-Person Options!

Courses will be Virtual via Microsoft Teams or In-Person at Bethany Children's Hospital, located at 6800 NW 39th Expy, Bethany, OK 73008

Required for Virtual Training: car seat, video-capable device, & email for Teams link. Please note: this is not a required training for Family Child Care Homes.

FEBRUARY (Virtual)

Wednesday, February 14

8:00am - 2:00pm

MARCH (In Person)

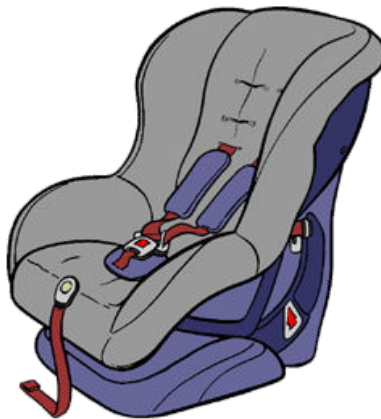
Saturday, March 2

9:00am - 3:00pm

APRIL (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 17

8:00am - 2:00pm



MAY (Virtual)

Saturday, May 11

9:00am - 3:00pm

JUNE (In Person)

Wednesday, June 12

8:00am - 2:00pm

For registration info, visit the QR code below, or the link. You can also call the University of Oklahoma Records and Registration at (405) 325-6808.



REGISTER ONLINE AT:

EVENTS.OUCPM.ORG/SAFEKIDS

The following are required for virtual training:
car seat | video-capable device | email for Teams

This training is offered by Safe Kids Oklahoma in partnership with Oklahoma DHS Child Care Services. For information on class content, visit www.safekidsok.org or call Safe Kids Oklahoma at (405) 945-6709. Cost: \$15 (must be paid at time of registration)

DO YOU NEED HELP

ADDRESSING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS

IN YOUR PROGRAM IN 2024?



What is the Pyramid Model?

The Pyramid Model is a framework of evidence-based practices for promoting young children's healthy social and emotional development

Who Uses the Pyramid Model?

- Early Childhood Educators
- Family Child Care Home Professionals
- Early Childhood Special Education Personnel
- Early Intervention Personnel

Why Use the Pyramid Model?

- Ongoing support & resources from a CCR&R Child Care Consultant
- Coaching for you & staff

The Pyramid Model equips participants with proven tools and strategies aimed at fostering improved self-regulation, attentive listening, friendship skills, and fundamental problem-solving abilities in children. Participation is completely free & we'll guide you every step of the way!

We are looking for programs ready to work on reducing those challenging behaviors!

Get Started [HERE!](#)