



OKLAHOMA
Human Services

CHILD CARE SERVICES

CHILD CARE SERVICES SUSTAINABILITY PLAN 2021

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These supports are informed by the OKDHS Child Care Services True North goals. More information about the agency's True North strategies is available at www.ouokdhs.org.



OUR COMMITMENT

We realize that the COVID-19 crisis has presented many unexpected challenges over the last year, and we are proud of Oklahoma's commitment to support families and children by investing in our child care programs. Oklahoma Human Services anticipates receiving additional funding from the Child Care Development Block Grant as a part of the second wave of coronavirus relief. This additional funding will allow us to continue to provide interventions to support Oklahoma children and families and the child care industry. Bulleted on the next page is a list of these interventions intended to provide additional support through August 2021.

Our goal is to empower child care programs, families and individuals working within this scope. Please know that the below mentioned efforts may not be exhaustive and that we may provide additional assistance as we receive an understanding of how much funding Oklahoma will receive and our federal partners provide further guidance. We are committed to meeting an immediate need, but also evaluating the available funding to ensure we are prepared to respond to how this year will evolve. We know the critical role child care plays in ensuring the success of our economy. We will do what we can to ensure Oklahoma child care endures through this crisis and beyond.

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OUR SUPPORT

Family Support

- Coverage of subsidy co-payment for families, paid directly to providers.
- Kith.care provided for designated essential health care employees and other emergency responders.

Please go to <https://www.kith.care/> for additional information.

- Sixty days of childcare subsidy for those unemployed due to COVID and currently looking to re-engage in the workforce.

Child Care Support

- Continuation of \$5 added to subsidy rate per child per day based on attendance.
- All school-age children approved for the weekly rate.
- Business training resources for providers to build expertise in planning and budgeting to prepare for ongoing COVID impact.
- Additional child care quality and sustainability payment based on capacity and facility STAR level.

Child Care Staff Support

- Wage supplements for child care staff providing continuity of care at the same program for a minimum of six months and who are on the Oklahoma Professional Development Registry.
<https://www.cecpd.org/>
 - Four stipends awarded to program staff that complete a Certificate of Achievement through CECPD.
 - Additional training opportunities through OU-CECPD at no cost to the workforce.
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