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CHILD CARE SERVICES

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Stabilization Grant Updates

CYCLE 4 IS OPEN APRIL 1ST-30TH!

As you submit your Cycle 4 Stabilization Grant applications, remember to update important changes such as the capacity and the mailing address of your program.

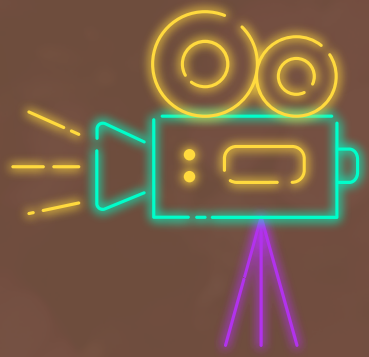
Cycle 4 applications do not get processed until after the grant application window has closed.

Currently, our finance department is continuing to process the final payments for cycle 3. Please check your emails (check your spam folder) for communication from the Oklahoma Human Services Child Care Services Team. You are able to check the status of your application on the grants website at http://okdhs.org/childcaregrants.



The Child Care Services call center for grant support is available Monday-Friday, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm.
Phone #(405) 521-6177

ATTENTION!



Oklahoma Human Services (OKDHS) is looking for participants to be videoed for our Child Care Workforce Recruitment campaign. The purpose of these videos will be to recruit more child care staff to join you in this important work. We need YOUR nominations of a child care professional who will SHINE BRIGHT on camera!

Limited spots available!

When thinking about a nominee, look for someone who:

- Will feel comfortable on camera
- Be willing to memorize a line or two
- Be available on May 14 and 15 in the Oklahoma City metro area. Time slots will be provided, so participants won't need to be available for a full day.
- Further instructions regarding what to wear will come before the shoots. There will be a hair and makeup specialist on-site for touchups or changes.

Submit your nomination by emailing childcare.occs@okdhs.org by 4:00 pm on Friday, 4/15/22!!
(Please put in email subject: Child Care Video Nominee)

Consent matters to us, so please don't nominate a participant without their knowledge and approval.

In the email please include ALL of the below information:

- Your name
- The nominee's full name, email and cell #
- Program name and K8#
- Why they would make an excellent choice for this opportunity?

SUBSIDY SPOTLIGHT

Allowable Fees and Rates

When you agree to accept a child approved for a subsidized child care payment, you are agreeing to accept the DHS rate for providing care.

Please review Section A of our Handbook about contract terms including allowable fees: https://bit.ly/ChildCareHandbookSecA

Remember subsidy Covid initiatives include $0 copays for all, and correct swiping procedures for school-aged children: https://bit.ly/SchoolAgedSwipingProcedures



NEW TRAINING FROM THE CHILD CARE COACHES

LESSON PLANNING

Lesson Planning Using the Early Learning Guidelines will soon be offered throughout the state. Participants will walk through various ways of creating lesson plans and develop a foundation for best practices. Participants will also learn about the importance of creating intentional learning opportunities while utilizing the ELGs.

According to NAEYC, “When the play environment is intentionally created, the learning that occurs is as deliberate and logical as any teacher-directed lesson, yet the activities are offered in a manner that is appropriate to the development of each child.”

A quality lesson plan is an important tool that can help teachers prepare children’s learning environment. When developing lesson plans, it is important to consider the order of events, approaches to learning and the way children spend their time. Lesson plans help teachers stay organized, link learning concepts, and provide visible evidence of intentional learning opportunities.

COACHES ARE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WHO WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING QUALITY PRACTICES. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COACHING OR TO CONTACT THE QUALITY COACH IN YOUR AREA EMAIL VIKKI.DOBBINS@OKDHS.ORG.

REGISTER https://okregistry.org/v7/trainings/search

SOURCES https://bit.ly/naeyc-observing-planning-guiding

THE OKLAHOMA **CLEARINGHOUSE** FOR

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUCCESS

CLEARINGHOUSE TOWNHALL

APR. 12 | 12 TO 1 P.M.

Join us to learn more about the submission process and have any questions answered.

Submission window opens Apr. 18 to Apr. 29. The focus is child development.

Who Should Attend?

Potential researchers, providers, practitioners, or anyone interested in submitting ideas, making suggestions, or wanting to understand more about the process of submission.

ZOOM MEETING LINK https://bit.ly/ClearingHouseTownhall

Zoom Meeting ID: 867 7995 6841

Zoom Passcode: 751620

The Clearinghouse promotes well-being for Oklahoma children and their families by building an evolving definition of quality, fast-tracking innovation, implementing research-informed practice and practice-informed research to support and improve early childhood systems and maximizing public/private partnerships.

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