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CHILD CARE SERVICES

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THE STARS PROGRAM

QRIS Quality Rating and Improvement System

QRIS (Quality Rating Improvement System) officially relaunched on June 1st and as of June 7th we have already received 568 applications! QRIS is how the state of Oklahoma highlights the various levels of quality early childhood education offered through our child care programs. We are encouraging **EVERY** provider in Oklahoma to apply. There are various incentives for those who apply before November 30th. To learn more go to the QRIS website: https://bit.ly/QRISIncentives.

The application period is June 1 - November 30, 2022

Need help?! **Call the hotline #(405) 521-6177**
Coaches and business consultants are ready to assist!

APPLY TO QRIS HERE: https://ccmass.dhs.ok.gov/ascend/home

Application videos:
Application (request for online profile): https://youtu.be/YBYbmEgwfO0
Request for certification: https://bit.ly/CreateEditCertificationRequests

CECPD links:
Family Child Care Homes: https://bit.ly/FamilyChildCareHomesQRIS
Child Care Center-based Programs: https://bit.ly/ChildCareCentersQRIS
QRIS Videos (FCCH & CCP): https://bit.ly/QRISVideoTrainingCECPD

Request for coaching: https://bit.ly/RequestforCoaching

GRANT UPDATES
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The Stabilization Grant

WHAT - Next 2 cycles will be DOUBLED
WHEN - Next cycle: July 1st, 2022
WHY - Quality and stabilization support

Additional Information

Doubled funds will offer continued stabilization support along with financial assistance to promote quality programming for our children.

The Child Care Desert Startup Grant

THIS GRANT HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

Additional Information

More information to come in future newsletters.

The Workforce Support Grant

WHAT - Bonuses for ALL child care staff (Staff must have registry ID)
WHEN - Launching July 1st, 2022
WHY - Child care staff retention and recruitment support

Additional Information

All staff MUST have a registry ID to receive a bonus payment. OKDHS will be using the CECPD to mail the payments directly to the child care staff. All the required qualifications and information will be listed on the OKDHS grants website.

To ensure continuity, CECPD will email a spreadsheet and easy-to-follow instructions to each Child Care Center and FCCH that qualifies for the Workforce Support Grant incentive to collect additional information. Please follow the instructions that will be included in the email.

The additional information needed to process applications includes every employee's:
Registry ID - First Name - Last Name - SSN - Email address

Got questions? Call our dedicated
Grant Support Child Care Services Call Center
Monday-Friday, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
Phone #(405) 521-6177



Click the image to apply.

Calling all Family Child Care Homes!

Calling all Early Childhood Educators! Seventeen national organizations dedicated to young children have come together to form a new Commission on Professional Excellence in Early Childhood Education. The Commission is opening an application process for individual early childhood educators to apply to be co-equal, full voting members of the Commission. Applications are open until June 17th. All associated expenses for early childhood educators to participate will be covered by the Commission's organizational members. The Commission will appoint up to seven early childhood educators, representing a diverse cross-section of the profession.

SUBSIDY SPOTLIGHT

REQUESTING A CONTRACT WITH DHS FOR SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

You can find information about requesting a contract on the brochure, 'Obtaining A Contract With OKDHS for Child Care Subsidy Payments' linked here: https://adobe.ly/3Q3Ky4k.

To start your request please e-mail: **CCProviderContracts@okdhs.org**

- Please include your K8 license number

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE ONLINE HANDBOOK:

https://childcarehandbook.oucpm.org/

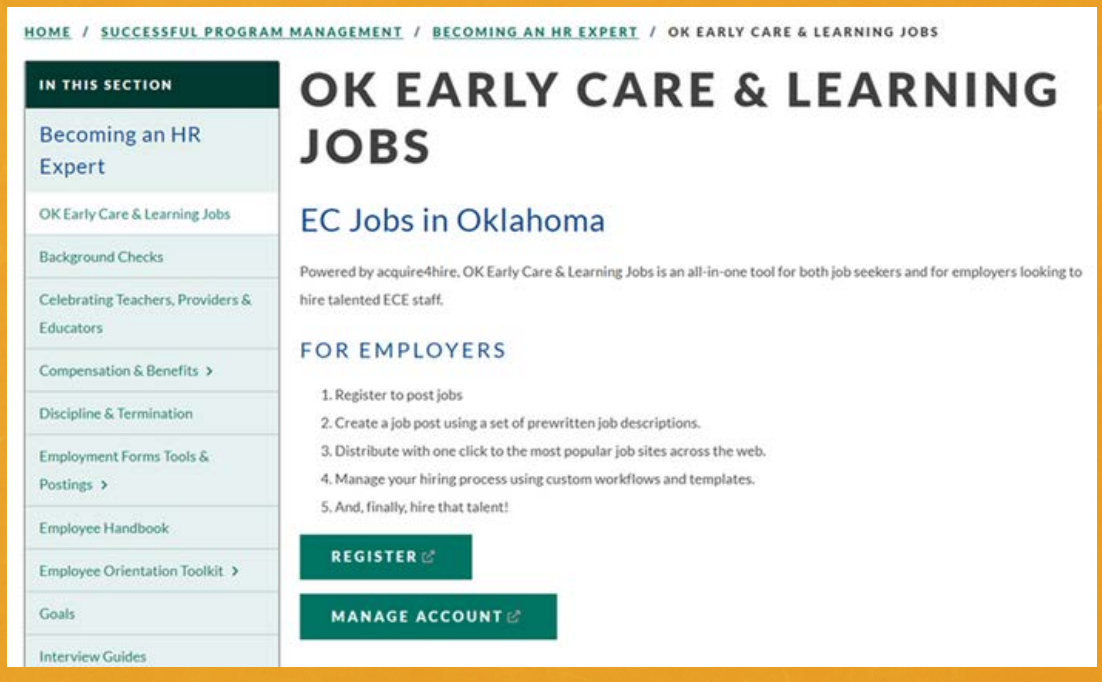
FILL YOUR OPEN POSITIONS THROUGH SHARED SERVICES!



If you have not done so already, please register at https://bit.ly/OKSharedServices so you can start posting your open positions! Child care services will promote and advertise the child care profession through public service announcements and social media campaigns.

If you have already registered for Shared Services, you can register for the OK Early Care & Learning Jobs platform and start posting your open positions today! All job openings will automatically be posted to eight major job boards.

Click the image below to watch a video tutorial on how to post your open positions.



LET'S GET Physical

A short break helps adults and children reset and prepare for the rest of their day. Physical engagement helps build children's social skills, including those who have developmental setbacks and those who are shy. Teacher-led physical movement provide positive reinforcement and encourages ongoing participation.

Child benefits of moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA):

Fewer challenging behaviors
Increased engagement
Increased appropriate behaviors
Increased empathy
Increased self-esteem



At least two developmentally-appropriate physical activities led by teaching personnel are required daily for all children in 3, 4, and 5 star centers and 4 and 5 star homes. Coaches will be bringing **I am Moving I am Learning: MVPA Everyday!** to a training location near you.

To enroll in the course "I am Moving I am Learning: MVPA Everyday!": https://okregistry.org/v7/trainings/search

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

https://bit.ly/BringMovementBack

https://bit.ly/TeacherDirectedPA

https://bit.ly/PhysicalActivitiesCECPD

Pathways to CDA

With the continued master teacher shortage within the state, Child Care Services (CCS) wants to work to eliminate this concern while still having qualified professionals caring for Oklahoma's children. CCS is aware there are barriers to obtaining the full CDA credential which is not the fault of any individuals having completed the training.

In an effort to remove these barriers, for those who complete Pathways to CDA courses through Oklahoma Career Tech programs, CCS is working with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program and the Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD) to insure these caregivers are able to meet master teacher qualifications in Oklahoma. In addition, solutions are being explored for those having completed CDA educational requirements through other trainings to be certified.

In the next few weeks, we will be sharing more information about this upcoming change! If you are interested in pursuing a CDA through the Pathways program, contact Bailey Maxey with OSRHE at bmaxey@osrhe.edu.



WITH THIS CHANGE KEEP IN MIND:

- ***You must have completed Pathways through the career tech and have obtained the Early Education Pathway to Your Credential certificate.***
- ***This credential certificate allows you to meet master teacher qualifications for both minimum licensing requirements and QRIS.***
- ***There will be no CDA stipend awarded with this certificate.***

Helping Children Cope with Trauma



There have been some recent horrific events of violence against individuals, adults and young children. Below are a few resources that might be helpful when young children have questions or fears.

Child Care Aware: Helping Children Cope with Traumatic Events
https://bit.ly/HelpingChildrenCopewithTraumaticEvents

Head Start Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center: Supporting Recovery After Trauma
https://bit.ly/SupportingRecoveryAfterTrauma

Save the Children: 10 Tips for Helping Children Cope with Disaster
https://bit.ly/HelpChildrenCopewithDisaster

American Psychological Association: Managing Your Distress
https://bit.ly/ManagingYourDistress

JUNETEENTH AND CHILD CARE PROVIDER PAYMENTS

With the federal government making Juneteenth a federal holiday, banks will be closed so the child care payments we issue that week will be available on Wednesday, 22nd. Our payment calendar chart says it will be on the 21st. Our payment calendar was created before the Feds made the holiday so we did not include it this year. We will do so going forward.

RECONNECT & RECRUIT

Training - Lunch Provided - Door Prizes

Attendees will receive 4 hours of formal training!

Scan the QR code to register!

SCAN ME



Where?
2155 OK-69A
Pryor, OK 74361

RSU Pryor Campus

When?
June 25th 2022
10am - 2pm

Join us in honoring our current providers and recruiting new providers in the area!
Training will be provided along with Q & A on QRIS!
Bring a potential provider and receive a special gift!

Register for the event to recieve updates!

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