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THE STARS PROGRAM

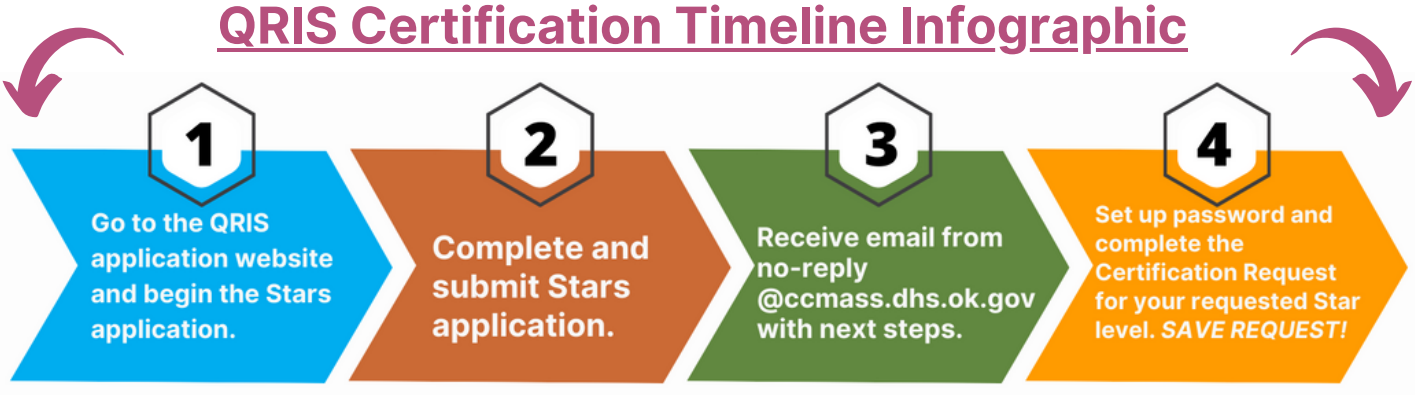
QRIS Quality Rating and Improvement System

QRIS (Quality Rating Improvement System) officially relaunched on June 1st and as of June 30th we have already received 901 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.

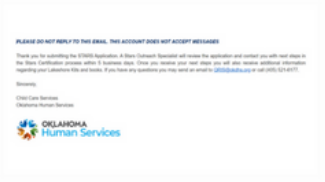
The application period is June 1 - November 30, 2022

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

QRIS Certification Timeline Infographic








QRIS Application & Request for Certification Process

Reminder! The online QRIS application is a two part process!

Step 1: Complete the STARS Application
(Select Star level and request approval for an account in the CCMASS data system).

- This will be processed within five days.

Step 2: Complete the STARS Request for Certification
(Indicate "met" or "not met" for each criteria based on the Star level you are applying for).

- The Request for Certification will be reviewed by an SOS within 60 days.
- Any criteria marked "not met" will create a Needs Assessment that will be emailed to you and available in your CCMASS account.
- Once saved your Request for Certification will be submitted and saved in DRAFT form.
- Upon approval, you will receive an email verifying that your program has been certified.

While completing the Request for Certification you may ask for assistance at any time by emailing QRIS@okdhs.gov or clicking the "Needs Assistance" button in the online application. You will be contacted by Child Care Services and offered assistance.

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

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The Stabilization Grant

OPEN NOW

WHAT: Cycle 5 Stabilization Grant
WHEN: July 5th, 2022-July 29th, 2022
WHY: Quality and Stabilization support
WHO: **ALL PROVIDERS !!!** (Please see details below*)

Additional Information

This grant cycle will be a DOUBLE payment! Not only will this provide continued stabilization support, it will promote quality programming for our children.

*Now all child care programs that were licensed after March 11, 2021 who have a subsidy contract with Oklahoma Human Services are eligible for a stabilization grant.

The Workforce Support Grant

OPEN NOW

WHAT: Cycle 1 Bonus Payment for Child Care Staff
WHEN: July 5th, 2022- July 29th, 2022
WHY: Child Care Staff Retention and Recruitment Support

Additional Information

All staff MUST have a registry ID to receive a one time bonus payment. OKDHS will be working with the CECPD to make sure payments go directly to the child care staff. All the required qualifications and information will be listed on the OKDHS grants website.

CECPD will email easy-to-follow instructions to each Child Care Center and FCCH that qualifies for the Workforce Support Grant incentive to collect additional information on your staff. 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

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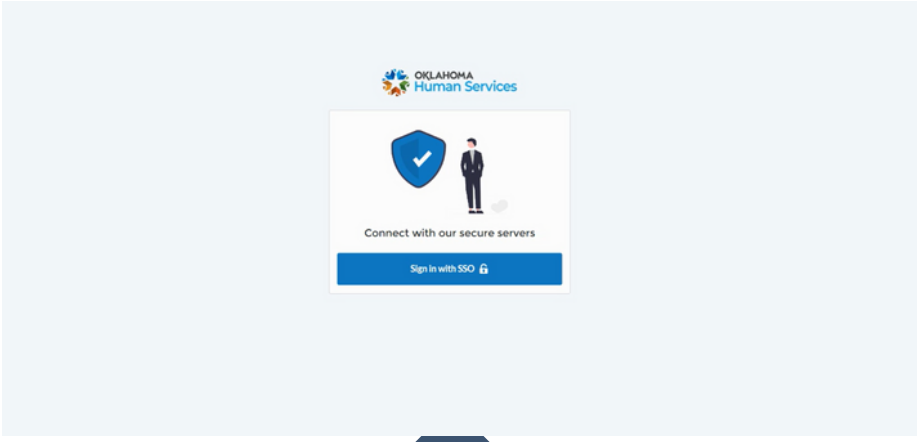
CLICK HERE FOR THE GRANTS WEBSITE

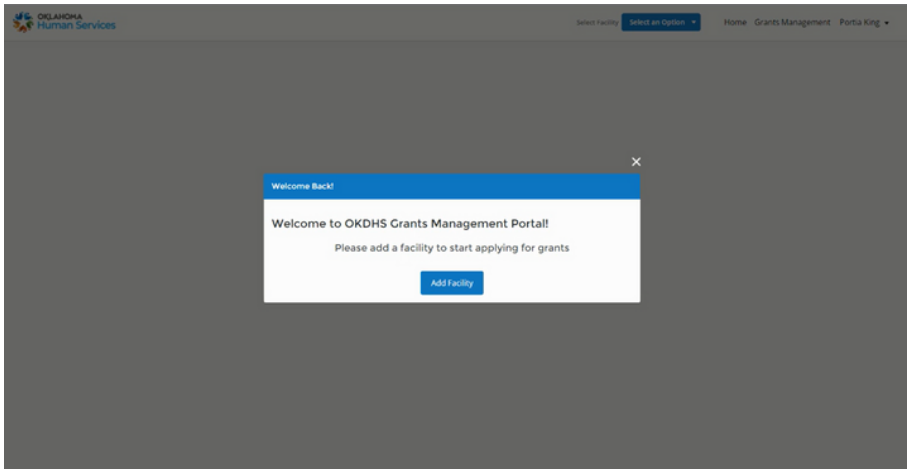
The Child Care Services grant website has a new look!

The grants website and login process has received an update. Please watch the videos below to learn how to set up your login and associate your program.
Every provider will need to set up a new login.

Video #1



Video #2



The videos are packed with many details and helpful insight into the updated grants website. Please make sure you watch them both!



Coaches are here to help you

PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY CHILD CARE

Did you know a growing and developing young child creates over 1 million neural connections in their brain every second!? When we invest in high quality early child care programs, we are providing the best opportunities for children to grow and learn both now and in the future.

Quality child care provides children a plethora of benefits!

- **Opportunity to thrive during the most crucial period of their learning and development**
- **Develop persistence, self-regulation, confidence, flexibility and motivation**
- **Improved physical, social, emotional & intellectual development**
- **A safe and nurturing environment**
- **School readiness skills**
- **Improved overall health**
- **Higher earning outcomes over their lifetimes**



Statistics show that adult learners retain only 10% of what they learn in a training. That means 90% of the content is lost forever if there are no supports around the training. When adult learners combine coaching with training, they increase their knowledge by 95%. Coaching is beneficial for both providers and children as training content is applied in the classroom.

Request a Coach

Coaches are available to support child care providers who would like assistance in improving quality practices at no cost to providers.

https://bit.ly/RequestforCoaching

Additional Resources

https://bit.ly/NurturingSuccess
https://bit.ly/ComponentsofQuality
https://bit.ly/WhyQualityMattersECC
https://bit.ly/BenefitsofQuality

SUBSIDY SPOTLIGHT

Provider web

Question: How do I check attendance swipes parents make on the ECC Connect Mobile App or POS Machine?

Answer: On the Provider Web!

You can view detailed information about swipes, authorizations, and your payments on the Provider Web.
https://www.connectebt.com/ecc/siteLogon.eppic

You can find more information in our Handbook, Section E: Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) and ECC Connect App
https://childcarehandbook.oucpm.org/section-e/

REPORTING POSITIVE CASES

Child Care Services is continuing to track the number of COVID cases occurring in child care across our state. Please report to your Licensing Specialist any positive cases of COVID for children or personnel that you are made aware of within your program.

Also note that the reporting of known COVID associated with individuals in a child care program is now listed as a disease requiring notification to the Oklahoma State Department of Health as well as to Child Care Licensing. This change is one of the requirement revisions for family child care homes and all center-based program types which became effective June 1, 2022.

FILL YOUR OPEN POSITIONS !

Child care services will begin promoting and advertising the child care profession through public service announcements and social media campaigns beginning July 5th! Click this link to view the CARE FOR KIDS OK website and all the current job postings.





If you have not done so already, please register at https://bit.ly/OKSharedServices and post your open positions!



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