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CHILD CARE SERVICES

## A Special message for our providers in celebration of National Provider Appreciation Day!

# Thank You

# FOR ALL YOU DO!

Child care is an imperative part of our state's economy, as it allows parents to attain their educational and career goals! Choosing quality child care is one of the most important decisions parents make. Knowing their children are safe and engaged in a quality early childhood learning environment while they work provides both reassurance for today and hope for the future.

As providers, you are DIFFERENCE MAKERS not only to the parents and children, but to the state of Oklahoma!

## From Child Care Services



# QRIS




## What is the difference between children's assignments to teaching personnel and continuity of care?

### Children's assignments within the classroom

An example of this could be:

- Teacher A is the primary caretaker for children A-D
- Teacher B is the primary caretaker for children E-K.
    - This strategy will allow them to focus on observations, developmental assessments, and the needs of that particular group of children. This does not mean that the other teacher in the room disregards the children not assigned to them but instead is more focused on the development and needs of those assigned.

### Continuity of Care

This is the program's overall plan to ensure children are with the same teacher (or group of teachers) for the majority of the day.

Children need stable, trusting relationships with caring adults to explore and learn from their surroundings. Research shows that children thrive in secure relationships with a small number of key adults, that secure relationships take time to develop, and that these important relationships are most beneficial when long-lasting.

**Helpful CECPD Links:**

- Looping Teachers Strategy: https://bit.ly/3I23RIF
- Mixed Age Groups - Strategy Continuity of Care: https://bit.ly/42CAPaI
- Primary Caregiving & Continuity of Care: https://bit.ly/3Bkno3a

**Apply for Stars at:**
**https://ccmass.dhs.ok.gov/ascend/home**



# GRANTS UPDATES

## The Quality & Stabilization Grant

APRIL PAYMENTS ARE BEING MAILED IN THE POSTAL MAIL

WHAT: Cycles 7 - 9 Quality & Stabilization Grant
WHEN: Cycle 8 closed April 30. Cycle 9 **(the LAST cycle)** is expected to open on July 1.
WHY: Quality & Stabilization Support
WHO: ALL PROVIDERS!

**Additional Information**
Cycles 7-9 offers a doubled payment amount and an additional percentage increase based on the program's new star rating on January 1, 2023.

***Examples:***
- ***A Five Star Home with a capacity of 7 will receive the doubled base amount of $6,000 + 175% increase = $16,500.***
- ***A Five Star Center with a capacity of 50 will receive the doubled base amount of $22,000 + 175% increase = $60,500.***

As our finance department works to process the payments, be sure to check your emails (and spam folder) for communication from the Oklahoma Human Services Child Care Services Team. You may also check the status of your application here: http://okdhs.org/childcaregrants

## The Workforce Support Grant

DEADLINE WAS EXTENDED!!

WHAT: Bonus Payment for Child Care Staff
WHEN: **The 4th and LAST CYCLE opened April 1 and closes May 15.**
WHY: Child Care Staff Retention & Recruitment Support
WHO: Child care employees working in a permitted or licensed program

**Home Address in the Registry Must be Current!**

Workforce debit cards are mailed to the HOME ADDRESS the participant has listed in their Oklahoma Registry individual account. Participants can update their HOME ADDRESS by logging into their Registry account and updating their Personal Information. If there is a statement in the account that says, READ ONLY, they should complete https://bit.ly/CECPDParticipantUpdateForm and email to cecpd@ou.edu.

Participants who are currently active on the Wage Supplement and/or Stipend program AND need to update their HOME ADDRESS must complete https://bit.ly/IndividualSupplierRegistrationForm and email stipendandwage@ou.edu

**If you have any questions regarding the payment, please email cecpdfinance@ou.edu**



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

# Subsidy Spotlight

## Subsidized Child Care income waiver for Child Care Employees extended through September 2024

Child care employees who already receive subsidized child care do not need to apply for this program. Your benefits will continue.

**How do I apply?**

Families currently using or interested in a traditional licensed and contracted child care provider should make application via OKDHSLive.org, visiting any DHS location, or calling the benefits line 405-522-5050.

- A paystub verifying status as a child care employee, and informing the caseworker during the interview may be needed.
- All other eligibility factors must still be met.

**Please remember:**

- Employees of a licensed family child care home are not eligible to receive subsidies for their children to attend the home in which they work.
- Owners of a licensed center or family child care home are not eligible to receive subsidies for their children to attend the program they own.



Oklahoma State Health Department Presents

# GO NAPSACC

## Technical Assistant Providers Needed!

**GO NAPSACC (Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care) is an online program to assist childcare providers with coordinating best practices and is one of the QRIS health and safety criteria options for 4- and 5-star childcare centers.**

**To take part of the project, please complete the registration by clicking the link: https://bit.ly/42lDsxN**

**Being a TA, you share current information about Go NAPSACC with local childcare providers and encourage their participation.**

**Interested, please fill out the form by clicking the link:**
**https://bit.ly/3LPGnHL**

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**The period of QRIS Incentive payments is coming to an end. Payments have been deployed for all programs that qualified for the QRIS incentive. If you believe you qualified for an incentive payment but did not receive one, please email QRIS@okdhs.org by May 31, 2023. We will be unable to process any incentive payments past this date.**



# QRIS Incentive Payments

# TOWNHALL MEETING

Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness invites you to register for the Oklahoma Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success Round 5 Townhall. The Townhall will be held via Zoom on Tuesday May 16th from 12:00-1:00 pm. The submission window for Round 5 will be open from May 22nd to June 2nd with the focus area of Social Emotional Well-Being. Please use the link below to register for the Townhall. Feel free to send this link to anyone you think might be interested in attending the event. We look forward to seeing you!

May 16, 2023
12:00 - 1:00pm

**Focus:**
Social Emotional Well-Being



Register Here

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