

ECU CCRR

*The Official Newsletter of the
Southcentral Child Care Resource & Referral Program
at East Central University*



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ECU CCRR staff attended Invest N' Kids Day (INK Day) at the Oklahoma capitol on April 3rd to advocate for Oklahoma's kiddos!
From left to right: Georgiana Sullivan, Pamla Armstrong, and Lindsay Christian.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

by Ivan Welton Fitzwater

**"The future of the world is in my
classroom today."**



REGIONAL RECONNECT WAS A SUCCESS!

On May 20th, ECU CCRR hosted the Regional Reconnect at H2O church in Ada, OK. It was such a fun day full of great speakers, delicious food, and awesome prizes!



HOW CAN WE HELP?

Georgiana and Lindsay are available to help in any way needed in your home or center. Topics they are available to help with are:

- lesson/activity planning
- transition planning
- classroom engagement
- parent engagement
- active supervision
- room arrangement and setting up centers
- on-site observations
- outdoor learning and physical activities
- new teacher training
- routines and scheduling
- nutrition
- implementing the Pyramid Model
- behavioral and guidance issues
- trauma
- social-emotional development
- language development
- brain development



Angel is here to assist the with the business side of your center or home daycare. She can offer support aimed at improving quality to providers through coaching and professional development in areas such as:

- Marketing
- Enrollment/Intake Family Engagement
- Budgeting/Strategic Cost Modeling/Financial Management
- Rates/Fees & Collections/Revenue
- Leadership/Time Management
- Human Resources
- TA with Brightwheel for participating programs



Back-to-School Craft!

Make this fun school bus picture frame to celebrate the new school year!

Click the photo to the left for full instructions.

The parents and kids will delight in this back-to-school keepsake!



ECU CCRR has so many fun FREE bulletin board kits available. To see all the kits offered, visit www.facebook.com/ECUCCRR/photos_albums/! If you want one made that is not offered, send your idea or photo to parmstrong@ecok.edu. We are always looking for inspiration and new designs!

hello

ECU CCRR welcomes all new providers in our area!

We are so happy to serve you:
 Kassie Yon - Wonder-Full Minds Daycare, Stratford
 Tina Jarmin, Ada
 Butterfly Academy, Ada
 J&C's Childcare, Tishomingo



11 PROVEN CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT TIPS FOR PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

by Brianna Flavin, <https://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/education/blog/classroom-management-tips/>

1. Organize your room strategically - A preschool classroom can be quite chaotic, so the way you organize is important in that it can help ensure that effective learning is happening wherever children are stationed.
2. Emanate comfort and reassurance - There is a physical environment in each classroom, but perhaps on an even more important note—there's the atmosphere you create by your tone and demeanor.
3. Give them tools to express their feelings - Children don't necessarily need to communicate why they are upset if they can express their emotions creatively so offer them options of song, art, movement in a quiet space away from the group.
4. Make a plan for transitions - Drift time can be hard for children, so having a solid plan with no gaps is definitely a must.
5. Follow the kids from time to time - Whether it's teaching under a table, moving free time around or focusing on something the kids are particularly interested in that day, being flexible and matching their natural interests can make the day more interesting and exciting for them.
6. Use child-friendly labels - Empower your students to pick up after themselves and take responsibility for their own messes.
7. Refer to the routine - If your preschoolers know their routine, they begin to have an innate sense of accountability to follow it.
8. Create integrated learning environments - Dedicating spaces to auditory, visual and social/emotional development areas help toddlers make connections between their experiences and the world around them.
9. Balance 'active' & 'passive' activities - The manner in which you organize your activities can make all of the difference in keeping your kids engaged and avoiding meltdowns.
10. Tackle ongoing issues with creativity - Most little ones will have grumpy days. But you might start to notice patterns in your classroom that represent an ongoing struggle for specific students.
11. Enjoy your job - If they see you enjoying the teaching process, think of how much more likely they are to enjoy learning.

STAFFED FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORK PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Established January, 2023, the Staffed Family Child Care Network, currently with 23 members, is proving to be a fun and active group of home providers. Angel Patterson, SC CCRR Business Consultant, directs the program and stays busy planning trainings, recruiting members and assisting those participating in the Brightwheel program as they set up the free software.

Not only do members get a year long free subscription to Brightwheel, but they also get a free membership to the National Staffed Family Child Care Network organization, free monthly formal trainings and lots of great resources. However, according to those participating, the best part is the camaraderie they have with fellow home providers. Provider Tina Robertson states “It means the world to me, to connect with other providers. When you have your own business and you work at home, you don’t see very many people other than your families and your children. I’m very thankful for the training they are providing.”

February, March and April trainings were held in the CCRR offices on the East Central University campus, while the May training was in conjunction with the 2023 Regional Reconnect event hosted by CCRR staff. In June, fifteen members from the South Central region attended the first annual SFCCN conference, hosted by OPSR and DHS in Oklahoma City. July 22 is the next date for the monthly SFCCN event to be held on the ECU campus. Watch your email for monthly newsletters sent by Angel announcing future events.

To become a member of the SC SFCCN group, contact Angel at (580) 559-5629 or email her at apatterson@ecok.edu.



Don't forget to follow ECU CCRR on Facebook.

Search ECU Child Care Resource and Referral on Facebook or click the icon to the right to be taken to our page.



RESOURCE ROOM

We have over 200 die cuts available and will be glad to cut and send to you or you are welcome to come cut them yourself. Let us know colors and number needed.

We also make personalized placemats and cubby tags with the kids names. To order, email a list of children's names and gender, along with desired theme, to Pamla Armstrong at parmstrong@ecok.edu.

LENDING LIBRARY

We have 51 theme boxes and many activity boxes and general inventory items for indoor and outdoor play, STEM activities, social-emotional activities, sensory items, books, learning kits, music and rhythm activities, infant/toddler items, games, manipulatives, DVDs and CDs, training items and much more. Remember, we pick up and deliver!



ECU CCRR's Facebook page was hacked during a GIVEAWAY contest post. As those posts tend to be targets for hackers, the Facebook GIVEAWAYS have been suspended until further notice.

CALL US TODAY!

Call us at 580-559-5303 or email parmstro@ecok.edu to place an order for any services from the Resource Room or the Lending Library. Our office hours are 8-5, M-F; however, call before stopping by as we are sometimes on the road. If you need a weekend appointment that can be arranged.

LAMINATING

Laminating is FREE! You are welcome to come do it yourself or let us do it for you. You can email what you want laminated or drop it by to us.



QRIS
Quality Rating and
Improvement System

Quality Care for Every Child!

THE STARS PROGRAM

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>

Resources:

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>

SOS	Counties
Bree Dies (580) 216-1372 Brianne.dies@okdhs.org (NW)	Alfalfa, Beaver, Blaine, Canadian, Cimarron, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Grant, Harper, Kay, Kingfisher, Logan, Major, Noble, Oklahoma County [73003, 73008, 73012, 73013, 73020, 73025, 73034, 73045, 73049, 73054, 73066, 73084, 73103, 73105, 73107, 73111, 73112, 73114, 73116, 73118, 73120, 73121, 73122, 73127, 73131, 73132, 73134, 73141, 73142, 73150, 73151, 73159, 73162, 73169, 74857], Roger Mills, Texas, Woods, Woodward
Amanda Rietz (405) 837-9199 Amanda.rietz@okdhs.org (SW)	Beckham, Caddo, Cleveland, Comanche, Cotton, Garvin, Grady, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Lincoln, McClain, Murray, Oklahoma County: [73102, 73104, 73106, 73108, 73109, 73110, 73115, 73117, 73119, 73128, 73129, 73130, 73135, 73139, 73149, 73179], Stephens, Tillman, Washita
Jennifer Mallery (918) 348-6516 Jennifer.mallery@okdhs.org (NE)	Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa: [74011, 74012, 74014, 74021, 74033, 74037, 74055, 74063, 74070, 74073, 74103, 74105, 74106 A-L, 74107, 74115, 74116, 74126, 74127, 74128, 74132, 74134, 74135, 74136, 74137, 74146], Wagoner, Washington
Amanda Hatcher (405) 567-5462 Amanda.hatcher@okdhs.org (SE)	Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Coal, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Latimer, Leflore, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Pushmataha, Seminole, Tulsa: [74008, 74104, 74106 M-Z, 74108, 74110, 74112, 74114, 74119, 74120, 74129, 74130, 74133, 74145]

OKLAHOMA WARMLINE

(BECAUSE KIDS DON'T COME WITH INSTRUCTIONS)

The Warmline for Oklahoma Child Care Providers offers free telephone consultations, M-F, 8 AM – 6 PM to child care providers on numerous topics of concern. Consultants refer providers to appropriate services and resources within their communities. If you are a child care provider and would like to request updated posters for your home or center, please contact us.

A consultant can help clarify a problem, provide information, help generate ideas and solutions, offer guidance on developmentally appropriate practices, provide referrals to meet individual needs and requests, direct providers to relevant resources to assist with a concern, and provide follow-up when needed.

Call: 1 (888) 574-5437 (KIDS)

Email your questions to: warmline@health.ok.gov

Go online: <http://warmline.health.ok.gov/>



SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

The Scholars program promotes scholar success by empowering scholars to take responsibility for achieving their academic and professional goals.

Scholar coordinators:

- Provide support services and technical assistance.
- Help scholars navigate through the entire process, from the application for the scholarship, admissions and financial aid to credential completion.
- Provide academic and career advisement to ensure scholars' success.
- Provide guidance in exploring scholars' credential options to ensure compatibility with educational and professional goals.

For more information or assistance, contact the scholar coordinator in your area:

- Carl Albert State College, Poteau, Idabel and Sallisaw, Verna Corley, 918.647.1252
- Connors State College, Muskogee, Bailey Maxey, 405.650.0090
- Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton, Bailey Maxey, 405.650.0090
- Murray State College, Tishomingo, Heather McLean, 580.387.7412
- Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami, Bailey Maxey, 405.650.0090
- Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa, Enid and Stillwater, Jayme Orgain, Scholar Coordinator, 405.762.9141, or Courtney Mikolajczyk, Scholarship Support Specialist, 405.372.2404
- Oklahoma City Community College, Quen Wilczek, qwilczek@osrhe.edu
- Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City, Jeff Rosson, 405.945.9168 or 800.560.4099
- Redlands Community College, El Reno, Karen Huett, 405.422.1286
- Rose State College, Midwest City, Jennifer Bachhofer, 405.733.7449
- Seminole State College, Seminole, Lynetta Robins, 405.382.9751
- Tulsa Community College, Tulsa, Melissa Caviness, Scholar Coordinator, 918.595.8024, or Cacey Cottom, Scholarship Support Specialist, 918.595.8280
- Western Oklahoma State College, Altus, Alejandra Tillman, 580.477.7892
- Career Technology Centers (Pathway), Bailey Maxey, 405.650.0090

CONTACTS & RESOURCES

Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD)
1 (888) 446-7608 www.cecpd.org

Locating Quality Child Care -
1 (800) 438-0008

Oklahoma DHS Child Care Services -
1 (800) 347-2276
www.okdhs.org/childcare

Oklahoma Professional Development Registry
www.okregistry.org

Child Care Services Offices
405-522-5050

Office of Background Investigations
1 (800) 347-2276

QRIS (Stars)
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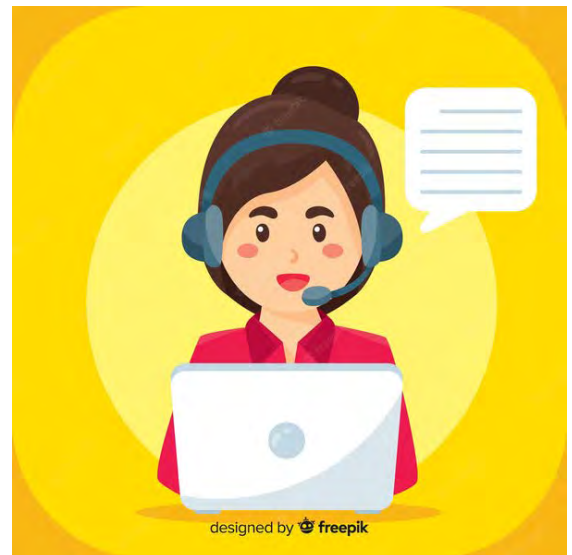
Scholars for Excellence in Child Care
www.okhighered.org/scholars
Statewide contact – Bailey Maxey
1 (866) 343-3881 or (405) 225-9395

Murray St College—Heather McLean
(580) 387-7412

Seminole St College—Lynetta Robins
(405) 382-9751

Pathway to CDA –
Bailey Maxey - 1 (866) 343-3881

Warmline- 1 (888) 574-5437 (KIDS)
Free telephone consultation for child care
providers covers behavioral health related
topics.
<http://warmline.health.ok.gov/>



CALL CENTER

The Child Care Services call center is open Monday-Friday, 9 am to 4 p.m. The phone number is (405) 521-6177.
Email: ChildCareGrantsHelp@okdhs.org



CECPD STIPEND PROGRAM

Oklahoma Registry Certificate of Achievement and Stipend Program

The Certificate of Achievement & Stipend Program is funded by Oklahoma Human Services Child Care Services and is designed for providers who work in licensed child care facilities. The Stipend Program is a collaborative effort to validate the achievement and expertise of providers and serve as a symbol of their professional accomplishment.

The specific goals of this program are:

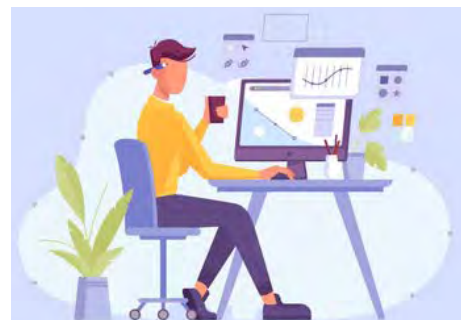
- Recognize and reward the specialized professional development of child care providers
- Encourage Teachers, Directors, and Family Child Care Homes to obtain additional focused, formal professional development to improve the quality of care for children.
- Increase overall positive outcomes experienced by children in child care.

We are currently offering SEVEN different Areas of Concentration for the Certificate of Achievement and Stipend Program!

Infant Toddler Preschool School Age Quality Child Care
Childhood Resiliency Better Business in Family Child Care
Healthy Children in Child Care



SAVING TIME • SHARING COSTS • INCREASING QUALITY



REGISTER FOR SHARED SERVICES

If you have not done so already, please register for [OK Shared Services](#)! The resources are invaluable.

About Shared Services: The Oklahoma Child Care Resource & Referral Association and The Oklahoma Department of Human Services Child Care Services partner to provide the OK Shared Services knowledge hub to early care and education professionals across the state.

Shared Services provides the right tools at your fingertips. From classroom management, and nutrition to policy templates and compliance guidance, Shared Services has all the resources need to make your child care center or home day care a success! Register today by visiting:
<https://www.oksharedservices.org/utility-pages/register/>.



The Quality & Stabilization Grant

WHAT: Cycles 7 - 9

Quality & Stabilization Grant

WHEN: 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.

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>



Back-to-School SNACKS!

Make back-to-school time a real sense of occasion and fun for the kiddos with these delicious snack ideas. Click the photo to the right to be taken to the recipes.

It's the most wonderful time of the year (for parents, at least)!

