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Center for Early Childhood Professional Development

1-888-446-7608 www.cecpd.org

Warmline — 1-888-574-5437

free telephone consultation for child care providers — covers behavioral and health related topics

Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Statewide — Brittany May

1-866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395

www.okhighered.org/scholars

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Child Care Services County Offices

Carter Co. (580) 490-3600

Garvin Co. (405) 238-6461

Johnston Co. (580) 371-4000

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Murray Co. (580) 622-2186

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For facilities on the Stars Program or Those Who Are Interested

We are excited to share that the following items are now available on CECPD's website, accessible to providers and anyone who is interested:

Oklahoma Quality Child Care Program Scale: Self-Assessment.

A short (approximately 15 minute) video training is now available on CECPD's website about the new self-assessment scale*. This video will help programs become familiar with how to use the scale and also assist them in understanding more about the Oklahoma Core Competencies as well as the program evaluation process required for Stars. Two Star programs (homes and centers) need to complete the self-assessment tool before November 1, 2018 prior to updating their program goals and then annually thereafter. (Please keep the completed document at your program for licensing staff to re-view.) Nationally accredited programs and Head Starts are not required to complete the self-assessment scale. The video training is voluntary and is located at www.cecpd.org in the Resources tab and under QRIS Video Training.

*A copy of the Oklahoma Quality Child Care Program Scale: Self-Assessment was mailed to your program in October and is also located at <http://www.okdhs.org/OKDHS%20Form%20Library/07LC011E.pdf>

QRIS resources are also now available on CECPD's website; there are many examples and lots of helpful information to assist centers and homes in meeting Star criteria. These resources are located at www.cecpd.org in the Resources tab and then in either "QRIS Resources-Child Care Center" or "QRIS Resources-Family Child Care Home".

New Model Classroom Available

Child Care Resource Center has a new model classroom. We are still located on ECU's campus in the Fentem Hall Building, and we've furnished one of our rooms for a model classroom — complete with interest centers, etc.

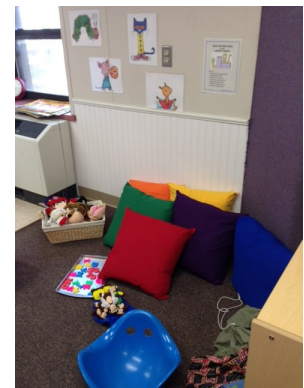
- ◆ This space will be used for multiple trainings.
- ◆ You and your staff are welcome to visit, to visualize a classroom, interest centers, room arrangement, etc. We're hoping this will be helpful for all staff, but especially for new ones.
- ◆ Resource lending library items are still available for check out. Many of the items are now located in the classroom so you can see how best to use them with children.

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Come See Our Model Classroom



We are very excited about our model classroom. This new space will be used for trainings.



**We Are Available to Provide
One-on-One Assistance in your
Family Child Care Home or Child Care Center Classroom**

Please call 580-559-5768 or email us for the following services:
Cheryl Bell cbell@ecok.edu or Georgiana Sullivan geolsul@ecok.edu

On-site Assistance includes:

- ◆ Observation and suggestions for new teachers or those needing new ideas
- ◆ Room Arrangement, Transitions, Equipment Inventory, Behavior and Guidance
- ◆ Understanding of Basic Child Development, Building Relationships with Families
- ◆ Information on how to get started with Reaching for Stars Quality Improvement program
- ◆ Assisting Directors/Owners with Professional Development Plans, Contracts, Handbooks, Getting Signed Up on the Registry

We also offer help over the phone and by email. Give us a call or send us an email.

**Do you have staff interested in
taking college classes?
Check out the
Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program**

What Is the Scholars Program?

The Scholars Program awards scholarships to eligible child care professionals to complete coursework in the area of child development or early childhood education, as well as the Child Development Associate (CDA) and Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) Credential Assessment. These scholarships enable child care providers in Oklahoma to improve their skills through education, receive an educational stipend and continue the availability of quality child care in local communities.

Mission Statement

The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program ensures that eligible child care professionals in the state of Oklahoma have an opportunity to attend a technology center or community college to further their education while earning a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, Certificate of Mastery, Director's Certificate of Completion, and/or an associate degree in child development or early childhood education.

Seminole State College — Child Development Courses

[For Information on Classes at Seminole State College](#)

[Contact Brittany May, Scholar Coordinator at 866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395](#)

Murray State College—Child Development Courses

[Contact: Amy McCain, at 580-387-7411 \[amccain@mscok.edu\]\(mailto:amccain@mscok.edu\) or](#)

[Brittany May, Scholar Coordinator at 866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395](#)



For information on Family & Consumer Sciences program at East Central University, please visit www.ecok.edu or contact Ms. Jan Long at jmlong@ecok.edu

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

Room Arrangement

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

6:30-8:30 pm 2 hours FORMAL Training

Cost: \$10 per person Trainer: Georgiana Sullivan

In this training we will explore how to create a safe, playful, inviting, and culturally appropriate learning space for children. We will also look at arranging space to promote independent learning, as well as, deter behavior problems. A model classroom with interest centers will be set up and used during this training. Goals and objectives are:

- Be able to identify problem areas in the classroom
- Be able to supply interest centers with age appropriate materials and learning toys
- Be able to arrange the classroom in a way that allows for free play
- Be able to arrange problem spaces to deter behavior problems

This is a hands—on training. We will be using the new Model Classroom for this training.

Pre-registration required by calling or emailing

580-559-5768 or geolsul@ecok.edu

Early Learning Guidelines — Infants, Toddlers & Twos

Saturdays, January 13 and 20, 2018 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Ada—ECU Child Care Resource Center Trainer: Juanita Hall

Cost: \$20 per person, 14 Hours FORMAL Training

This training meets the DHS Requirements for Master Teachers, but is open to anyone who works with this age group.

Must attend both Saturdays to receive credit.

Must pre-register at www.okregistry.org

Building Collaborative Relationships with Parents

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

6:30-9:30 pm 3 hours FORMAL Training

Nora Sparks Public Library, 210 Willow, Pauls Valley

Cost: FREE Trainer: Vikki Dobbins

Early childhood and child care professionals build partnerships with families as an important strategy to promote healthy child development. This training supports relationship building with families by helping providers to define and practice active listening skills and to understand both the concept of the parallel process in relationships and the importance of reflection. It also aids participants in developing strategies for establishing effective relationships with families..

Must pre-register at www.okregistry.org

10 Steps to Positive Discipline

Thursdays, January 18 and 25, 2018 6:00-08:00 PM

4 hours FORMAL Training

Must attend both sessions to get credit

ECU Child Care Resource Center, Ada, OK

Cost: FREE Trainer: Vikki Dobbins

Must pre-register at www.okregistry.org

Online Course: Reducing SIDS in Child Care

www.cecpdonline.org click on Catalog, scroll down to course title

Cost is \$20 per person

This course is a 3-hour FORMAL training and meets the
DHS Licensing Requirement for Safe Sleep Training

Informal training may be obtained through webinars.

www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com

Care Courses has online courses that meeting Oklahoma's training requirements

www.carecourses.com