



*SOUTH CENTRAL CHILD CARE RESOURCE  
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East Central University - Ada Oklahoma  
Summer 2021 Newsletter*



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**ANNOUNCING EXCITING NEWS IN THE ECU SC CCRR OFFICE!**

On July 1, 2021, all eight CCRR regions received word that we will be getting an additional team member. The OKDHS has announced that a **Business Consultant Specialist** will be hired in each region to assist providers in all areas of business practices.

This position will be responsible for expanding the quality and efficiency of child care centers and home providers in each region. The Business Consultant will offer robust support for child care centers and family child care homes through intensive coaching and professional development while building a positive image of Child Care Resource and Referral in the community.

A search is underway for a Specialist in our office in hopes that he or she will be on-board by September 1. Stay tuned for more information.

Nothing that you can teach them is more important than the love you can give them



[www.dailypostiveinspirations.com](http://www.dailypostiveinspirations.com)

The time is here!!!! Our trainings are finished and we are ready to get on the road! The last eighteen months have been packed with Pyramid Model Training, along with many, many other workshops, webinars and trainings that will benefit you.

## A few words from Georgiana and Lindsay....

I am very excited that Child Care Resource and Referral are now able to provide in-person services again.

- Pyramid Model Training implementation (after a provider has taken the training).
- One on one classroom assistance with room arrangement, lesson planning, transitions, class schedules and behavior issues.
- On-site observation, suggestions and demonstrations for new teachers or those needing new ideas or lesson plans.
- STARs application and implementation.
- Training on a specific topic (engagement, active supervision, setting up centers, or other topics)

I am also in the process of setting up in-person trainings with the CECPD staff and hope to begin promoting trainings soon.

I am looking forward to getting on the road again and working with you! Family homes, don't forget that I can assist you, just call.

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Hello! I am Lindsay Christian, the Infant Toddler Specialist for the South Central region. Some of you I have had the pleasure of working with, and some of you I am excited to meet! I wanted to give you a quick update on what I have been up to over the past 1.5 years—lots and lots of training! I have completed training in the Pyramid Model (Infant/Toddler, Birth-Five, and Preschool), Conscious Discipline (regular and currently working on completing the Infant Toddler version), and watched a plethora of webinars about trauma, social-emotional development, and brain development. I have enjoyed gaining all this knowledge, but I am looking forward to getting back into classrooms now that we have the **green light!**

Our Infant Toddler Program is a quite a bit different than before. As of now, my role will be more like Georgiana's—no commitment to have me working with your teachers for 30 hours! I am available to **TA and/or I can coach teachers** who have gone through the Pyramid Model Training. Has your center completed the **Pyramid Model Training?** If not, I highly recommend it! To sum it up in one sentence, "The Pyramid Model is a conceptual framework of evidence-based practices for promoting young children's healthy social and emotional development" (NCPMI).

If you would like more information on the Pyramid Model or are interested in being trained—either online or in person—please let me know.

If your center has been trained, I am available to come in and coach your Infant Toddler teachers on specific practices they want to work on. I am also available to help your Infant Toddler teachers with routines, lesson/activity planning, promoting language development, social-emotional development, schedules, room arrangement, etc.

Lastly, our **resource room** has a variety of materials for checking out, as well as bulletin board kits, theme boxes, a laminator, a binding machine, and so many die cuts!

Please let me know what I can help you with! ☺

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## Resource Room

We have added more bulletin boards kits to our ever-growing list. We now have 43 to choose from. As you prepare your fall classrooms our new kits will fit right in. **Quack! Quack! Welcome Back!** and **This Year Will Be a Hoot** have been added to the list of new classroom kits. **On the Go!**, **Stomp, Chomp, Roar!**, **Colors Are All Around Me**, and **Things are Shaping Up** can be used anytime to add fun to a room and **Gobbling Up Gratitude** has been added to our list of fall holiday themes. For a full list of FREE bulletin board kits available and photos of each go to our Facebook page or our website at <https://www.ecok.edu/current-students/student-services/centers-programs/child-care-resource-and-referral-agency>. If we don't have a kit available that meets your needs, send us a photo or topic and we will put a kit together for you.

We also 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.



## Lending Library

We have added 8 new theme boxes to increase our number to 51. We have also increased our activity boxes and general inventory with items for indoor and outdoor play, STEM activities, social-emotional activities, sensory items, books, learning kits, music and rhythm activities, infant/toddler items, DVDs and CDs, training items and much more. Check these out and, remember, we pick up and deliver. Contact us for availability.

## 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.

Call us at 1 800-862-5593, ext. 873 or 580-559-5303 or email [parmstro@ecok.edu](mailto:parmstro@ecok.edu) to place an order for any services from the Resource Room or the Lending Library. If you need an updated list of offerings, we can email them to you. Our office hours are 8-5, M-F, however, we are sometimes all involved in off-site travel. Please call ahead to be sure we are open. If no answer, leave a message and we will return your call upon our return. If you need a weekend appointment, we can arrange that also. Just give us a call!

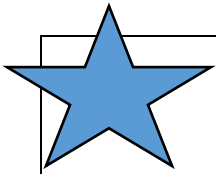
### *How we have helped.....*

*"Thank you to the resource and referral center for putting together themed units to go with the theme boxes and books for my center. It saves me so much time. We appreciate all y'all do."*

*Monnie Smith, Monnie's Day Care, Ada*

Congratulations to all the winners of drawings we have held this quarter. Watch our Facebook page and your email for more opportunities to win!





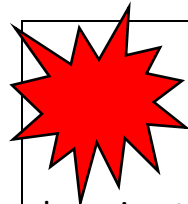
Check out these posts and more added bi-weekly on the **ECU Child Care Resource and Referral** Facebook page.

**Water, water everywhere, we're gonna get wet!**



<https://www.itsalwaysautumn.com/water-games.html>

By **ITSALWAYSAUTUMN.COM**



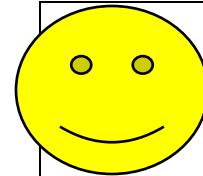
Snack time can be learning time too!



PLANNING PLAYTIME  
LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

<https://planningplaytime.com/april-morning-tubs>

By Planning Playtime-Learning Through Play



**Letter and word recognition with play dough! How fun for the kiddos.**



<https://planningplaytime.com/sight-words-games/>

By Planning Playtime-Learning Through Play




**Are you looking for new ideas or do you need activities for older kids? Georgiana has been busy posting fun activities on Pinterest. They are easy to look up and saves you time to plan without having to do the search. Click on the ECU Child Care Resource and Referral Pinterest page at <https://www.pinterest.com/cresource/>. New pins are added weekly. And remember, we have MANY of the items needed, including die cuts, in our Lending Library and Resource Room.**

**Welcome to our new providers and new opening!**

**Honey Haines  
Family Child Care, Ada**



**Reaching for the Stars!**   
Congratulations to the following for increasing their STAR rating:

Amber Garcia, Sulphur (1 to 1+)  
John Barrett, Rhyme Time, Tishomingo campus, (1 to 2)

Lisa Smith, Wolf Pups Child Care, Davis (1 to 2)  
Star ratings do make an impact. If you would like assistance in obtaining or increasing your star level, give Georgiana or Lindsay a call at (800) 862-5593, ext. 873 or email them at [geolsul@ecok.edu](mailto:geolsul@ecok.edu) or [linbchr@ecok.edu](mailto:linbchr@ecok.edu).

## Fun Days Ahead in 2021

July	August	September
4-Independence Day	1-Sisters Day	4-Wildlife Day
10-Teddy Bear Picnic Day	1-Doll Day	6-Labor Day
13-French Fry Day	2-Ice Cream Sandwich Day	6-Read a Book Day
13-Cow Appreciation Day	2-Coloring Book Day	9-Teddy Bear Day
14-Mac and Cheese Day	3-Watermelon Day	12-Nat'l Grandparents Day
14-Shark Awareness Day	8-International Cat Day	15-Cheese Toast Day
18-Ice Cream Day	9-Book Lovers Day	16-Collect Rocks Day
20-Moon Day	10-Lion Day	16-Play Doh Day
25-Parents' Day	19-Int'l Orangutan Day	18-Eat an Apple Day
26-Aunt & Uncle Day	21-World Honey Bee Day	20-Pepperoni Pizza Day
27-Chicken Fingers Day	25-Banana Split Day	22-World Rhino Day
29-Rain Day	26-Burger Day	22-Elephant Day
29-International Tiger Day	26-Dog Day	22-Ice Cream Cone Day
30-Share a Hug Day	27-Daffodil Day	25-Rabbit Day
30-Friendship Day	30-Slinky Day	27-Family Day

Source: <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/2021> and

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_observances\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States\\_by\\_presidential\\_proclamation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_observances_in_the_United_States_by_presidential_proclamation)



## JULY-SEPTEMBER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Most are FREE or have only a small registration fee.

You must pre-register for all training at [www.okregistry.org](http://www.okregistry.org). Please register early to prevent the class from being cancelled for low registration numbers. We have had to cancel several trainings because of lack of participation. Participants will be notified if the class is cancelled for any reason.

### **Safe Sleep Training**

Several Self-Paced Web Based courses are available to meet the Oklahoma Child Care Services-Licensing requirement for safe sleep training. See the CECPD website for a full list of options and descriptions. The link to register may be found at [www.okregistry.org](http://www.okregistry.org).

### **ELG Training**

Two Self-Paced Web Based ELG trainings are being offered by CECPD. Both are fourteen hour courses and the cost is \$20 for each. One is for Infants, Toddlers and Twos and the other is for Children Ages 3-5. These will meet the Oklahoma Child Care Services licensing requirement. See the CECPD website for a full list of options and descriptions. The link to register may be found at [www.okregistry.org](http://www.okregistry.org).

### **Other Formal Training**

There is none scheduled at this time. However, if you have specific training needs or would like to have a specific topic presented, contact us so that we can make arrangements to get approval to offer a session. Trainings can be offered in your area if minimal enrollments are met.

Watch your email, our Facebook page or the CECPD Registry for new additions. Self-Paced Web Based Training may be found at [www.okregistry.org](http://www.okregistry.org).

QRIS Stars Outreach Specialists are available to answer any questions you may have regarding Stars Criteria or to assist you in applying for Stars or increasing your Star level. As requirements change, providers will be notified via email by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.



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### Contacts and Resources

#### **Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD)**

1 (888) 446-7608      [www.cecpd.org](http://www.cecpd.org)

#### **Locating Quality Child Care**

1 (800) 438-0008

#### **Oklahoma DHS Child Care Services**

1 (800) 347-2276      [www.okdhs.org/childcare](http://www.okdhs.org/childcare)

#### **Oklahoma Professional Development Registry**

[www.okregistry.org](http://www.okregistry.org)

#### **Child Care Services County Offices**

Carter Co.      (580) 490-3600  
Garvin Co.      (405) 238-6461  
Johnston Co.      (580) 618-6256  
Love Co.      (580) 490-3600  
Marshall Co.      (580) 618-6256  
McClain Co.      (405) 238-6461 or (405) 248-8069  
Murray Co.      (580) 618-6256  
Pontotoc Co.      (580) 310-7050  
Pottawatomie Co.      (405) 912-2068  
Okfuskee Co.      (918) 752-2078  
Seminole Co.      (405) 214-4147

#### **Office of Background Investigations**

1 (800) 347-2276

#### **Reaching for the Stars**

Misti Denton-serving counties east of I-35

1 (800) 884-1582      [Misti.Denton@okdhs.org](mailto:Misti.Denton@okdhs.org)

Tiffany McPherson-serving counties west of I-35

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#### **Scholars for Excellence in Child Care**

[www.okhighered.org/scholars](http://www.okhighered.org/scholars)

Statewide contact – Bailey Maxey

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

#### **Pathway to CDA –**

Bailey Maxey      1 (866) 343-3881

#### **Warmline**

1 (888) 574-5437

Free telephone consultation for child care providers covers behavioral health related topics.

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

### **From the desk of Brittany Lee, Director of Child Care Services**

July 15, 2021

Dear Child Care Program or Agency;

As you are aware, the Office of Background Investigations (OBI) currently has a backlog and are processing requests received mid-June. We acknowledge completed background investigations are not being received in the expected amount of time. To fully support programs we wanted to remind you that an individual with a Preliminary background notification may work or be present in the program as long as that individual is under supervision of an approved personnel or caregiver in the same building or home with completed background results. Verification of the completed submission request and fingerprint submission must be maintained on site.

#### **340:110-3-282. Background investigations**

(a) **General.** Background investigation requirements are met.

(1) **Required individuals.** Background investigations are required, per Section 401 et seq. of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes (10 O.S. §§ 401 et seq.), Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act (Licensing Act), unless an exception per (3) of This subsection applies for:

(A) owners, prior to authorization to operate;

(B) responsible entities, prior to authorization to operate and, when there is a change in a responsible entity;

(C) personnel applicants, prior to hire. However the program may hire individuals, when:

(i) the program has submitted a criminal history review request to the Office of Background Investigations (OBI);

(ii) only awaiting the national criminal history records search, based on fingerprint submission;

(iii) criminal history review results from OBI are received by the program. However, until complete results are received, the individual does not have unsupervised access to children;

Child Care Services appreciates your dedication and partnership as we work together to improve the protection of children while in child care. Please contact the **OBI** at [OBICC@okdhs.org](mailto:OBICC@okdhs.org) with questions about background check requests or processes.





SAVING TIME • SHARING COSTS • INCREASING QUALITY

Oklahoma Shared Services recently worked with the Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Association, our state office, to provide all regional Infant/Toddler Specialists with an array of resource materials to be shared with providers with whom they are working. With input from Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness, items were purchased using the Shared Services discounts afforded those who are members. Items were purchased from Lakeshore, Discount School Supplies and Kaplan. Lakeshore and Discount School Supplies, along with a number of food service agencies, had the highest sales to members last year. In fact, Oklahoma's 900 members saved over \$18,623 in 2020.

If you haven't already signed up for membership with Shared Services, we encourage you to do so immediately to begin saving today. Not only does Shared Services save you money on purchases from participating vendors, but the variety of other services offered continues to grow. Benefits include, but are not limited to, lesson plans, teaching aides, classroom assessment tools, form templates, a monthly newsletter, training help and medical and insurance benefits.

The first year of membership is free, with subsequent years being a minimal amount. If you are a center, please share this opportunity with your teachers and staff, as individual workers are also eligible for membership that will benefit them personally.

OK Shared Services is funded in part by OKDHS Child Care Services, Potts Family Foundation, Tulsa Educare, the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma and the Shawnee Tribe. If you haven't had the opportunity to check out this amazing program, you may do so at [www.oksharedservices.org](http://www.oksharedservices.org). This information is provided by Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Association, Inc.

### Child Care Warmline

The Warmline for Oklahoma Child Care Providers offers free telephone consultation to child care providers on numerous topics of concern. Consultants refer providers to appropriate services and resources within their communities.

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

Email your questions: [warmline@health.ok.gov](mailto:warmline@health.ok.gov)

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

*Congratulations to our own Lindsay Christian, Infant/Toddler Specialist, on completion of her Master of Education degree from East Central University. We are very proud of her accomplishment!*

**The Scholars Program-What is it?** Scholarships are available to eligible child care professionals completing 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 are designed to 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.

Stipends are available through the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program and are valued from \$800-\$1200 for eligible scholars. Credentials can be earned toward CDA, CCP, CoM, SACoC, DCoC, DCom, and Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degrees. More than one stipend may be earned.

For more information about career tech, community colleges and assessment scholarships, visit [www/okhighered.org/scholars](http://www.okhighered.org/scholars) or call your local Campus Connection listed below.

Bailey Maxey, OSRHE Scholars Program Coordinator at (866) 343-3881 or (405) 225-9395 [bmaxey@osrhe.edu](mailto:bmaxey@osrhe.edu) **OR**  
Murray State College-Child Development Courses Coordinator at (580) 387-7412 **OR**  
Seminole State College-Child Development Courses Coordinator at (405) 382-9751

Programs are available at many other community colleges in Oklahoma. Contact Bailey Maxey for information.



## OKLAHOMA REGISTRY CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT STIPEND PROGRAM

Applications for the Certificate of Achievement Stipend must be submitted by September 30, 2021.

Certificate of Achievement Stipend Training-

1<sup>st</sup> Certificate of Achievement – Looks back five (5) years for training

2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Certificates of Achievement – Looks back 12 months from the application date

Training is specific. Be sure you are taking the right courses. To locate approved trainings for each certificate

- 1) Visit the Statewide Training Calendar at [www.okregistry.org](http://www.okregistry.org)
- 2) On the left navigation menu, click on Training Content
- 3) Click on Certificate of Achievement and Stipend
- 4) Choose the Certificate of Achievement you are interested in. Required courses will be listed.

Training hours are counted by minutes. The number of minutes may vary by quantity and complexity of the lesson content. Students will not be able to mark a lesson complete until the required time period has lapsed. This is shown on the countdown calendar button on each lesson page. If you complete a lesson before the time is lapsed you should stay on the lesson page until it has done so. Navigating away will reset the timer and you will be forced to wait longer. Use the extra time to read or review any downloaded materials. Time-in-training requirements are designed to support the educational quality of online courses. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for choosing [cecpdonline.org](http://cecpdonline.org) as your online training partner.

Susan J. Kimmel, Ph.D., Executive Director

The University of Oklahoma Center for Early Childhood Professional Development

*Note: If you were denied a Certificate of Achievement because you took an approved training before a previous Certificate of Achievement was awarded, you do NOT need to call CECPD; you can simply reapply and approved trainings you have taken in the past year will be reviewed.*

Information on the stipend program may be found at <https://www.cecpd.org/en/provider-programs/oklahoma-registry-certificate-of-achievement-and-stipend-program/>