

Delaware Child Development Resource and Referral

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Tapping Into Child Care Demand NEW Program to Offer Infant and Toddler Support

The Oklahoma Child Care Resource & Referral Association is offering a new program to help providers improve the quality of care for infant and toddlers.

Well over half the families who call us for child care referral request care for infants or toddlers. We also know that high quality care during these youngest years is critical.

Many Oklahoma providers already know that challenges are involved in servicing children from zero to 35 months:

- What types and how much stimulation do infants need?
- What are the best ways to deal with a biting toddler?
- How can behavior be managed positively in a 2-year old?
- What games and learning materials are appropriate? Where can they be found?
- How can quality care be provided and still make a profit?

Help with these and many other issues are now available—at no charge— through OCCRRA's Infant Toddler Project.

What we provide:

- **In-depth one-on-one training**
- **Technical assistance with mentoring and coaching**
- **Connections to materials and community service agencies**

Information will cover best practices, appropriate activities, room arrangement, transitions, behavior and guidance, family involvement and many other practical matters.

For more information, or to request infant toddler services, please contact the Infant Toddler Project at 1-888-962-2772 (or 521-1426 from within the Oklahoma City area) or email birthtothree@oklahomachildcare.com

Attention Family Child Care Home Providers It's Annual CACFP Contract Renewal Time

We would like to remind you that it is once again Annual Contract Renewal time for the Child Adult Care Food Program. The Delaware Child Development Program is a sponsor of the CACFP. Here are a few benefits of our program:

We have 2 convenient locations to better serve our providers for technical assistance and training:

- Our headquarters is located in Bartlesville
- A part time specialist is available in our satellite office in Ponca City.

Our program offers on-line computer claiming through Minute Menu.

- No more looking for stamps or getting the kids loaded in the car to go to the post office.
- Plan your menus and print them out for a convenient shopping list each week.

Hand claims are easy too.

- Only one daily sheet to fill out. Fill it out one day at a time. No more looking at 3 different sheets.
- Also, we send you all the paperwork you need. There is no cost to be on this program.

Don't forget that we offer Direct Deposit for all our home providers.

- You have the option of having your check direct deposited each month or having it mailed to you.

You will not have to guess when your check will come in because we pay our claims on the 22nd of every month.

Please contact us to get signed up. Our friendly helpful staff can be reached in your area by phone or e-mail.

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Child Passenger Restraint Training

Effective June 2007, programs providing transportation for children younger than 6 years of age must have one staff person with current documentation of training in an DHS approved child passenger safety course. This eight hour class will be offered by Safe Kids Oklahoma in numerous locations around the state. See training page for upcoming training nearest you. For more information call or email Safe Kids at 405-271-5695 or safekids@ouhsc.edu.





Congratulations!

These providers have achieved 3 star Status:
 Delaware Child Development, Bartlesville

These providers have achieved 2 Star Status:
 Kid's Express, Tonkawa
 Kristen Murray, Perkins
 ABC Learning Center, Cleveland
 Dandelion Patch, Blackwell
 Kristi Bennet, Ponca City
 Jessica Haase, Bartlesville

These providers have achieved 1+ Star Status:
 Lisa Hopkins, Ponca City
 Teresa Smith, Ponca City
 Brenda Rolland, Pawnee
 Kid's Corner, Morrison
 Kelly Shover, Stillwater
 Carol Hessman, Prague

Time to Update...

The early childhood world is constantly changing. Child Care businesses change hours. Children come and go. Provider needs change. It is the goal of the Delaware Child Development Resource and Referral Agency to keep up with the needs and business trends of the hundreds of child care providers and parents they serve.

In order to meet this goal, the Delaware Child Development Resource and Referral Agency updates their information on all licensed and some unlicensed child care providers twice a year. This enables the agency to provide accurate information to families. This also enables the agency to gather valuable information to be used in planning future early childhood legislation, and, last but certainly not least, it helps to provide the agency with information concerning the needs of child care providers in our area.

All providers are welcome to call Delaware Child Development Resource and Referral at any time to update their information. Resource and Referral staff can be reached at 1-866-254-9864. You may also update your information on the World Wide Web at:

host162.ipowerweb.com/~oklahoma/forms/providerreg.html



Mind In The Making

Welcome to a very different kind of learning experience. Based on research on adult and children's learning these Modules use new ways of teaching adults so they can learn to teach children in new ways.

The Modules are a 12-part learning process that uses research on children's development – including classic and recent studies – on how children learn and how teachers can encourage engaged learning.

We invite you to experience these Modules with us, while earning **24 hours of Tier Two Training**.

Mind in the Making is made possible for you through collaboration with Child Care Resource Center of Tulsa, Delaware Child Development Resource and Referral, Tri-County Technology Center and Success By Six/Smart Start.

Class information is included on the training page. **Enroll now...the class is filling up fast!!!!**

New Resource Room Policies

As many of you will remember, our Resource Rooms have changed locations recently. While thumbing through materials and packing boxes, the R&R staff made some decisions about lending library changes. We now have a Resource Library Agreement form for purchases and check out. It is a simple agreement that states items will be maintained and returned in a timely manner. Also, each business will be given a credit for purchasing items in the Resource Room. Child Care Centers will be given a **\$50.00** scholarship, and Family Child Care Homes will begin with a **\$25.00** scholarship. This credit may be applied to construction paper, laminating, butcher block paper, etc. Material prices will be posted in the Resource Room. The scholarship will **not** apply to CDA packets. Once the scholarship is depleted, centers and homes may apply for further scholarship funds for Resource Room materials.

Bartlesville – 5110 Tuxedo Blvd. (corner of Madison and Tuxedo)

Ponca City – 700 W. Broadway

Stillwater – 1601 S. Main

Please drop off lamination by Thursday afternoon. Lamination will ONLY be done on Friday mornings. You may pick up your lamination on Friday afternoons.



Staff Changes

The Delaware Child Development Resource and Referral office in Stillwater has a new Specialist. Laura Arnold, the previous Specialist has moved on to teach at the Child Development Lab on the OSU campus. Bobbi Krob has been in the Ponca City office for over a year, and is moving to the Stillwater office. She is looking forward to meeting you and will do her best to fill the big shoes left by Laura. Applications are being taken to fill the current Ponca City position. Until then, Liz Johnston will be filling in 3 days a week.

Call ahead before visiting to ensure she is available.



A Note from Laura Arnold



Every August I feel the pull of back to school time. I love the blank pads of paper waiting to be written on and bright markers that have not yet been left to dry out. I buy school supplies my children don't yet need and hoard them for the day they just might. I have anxiously awaited that first day of school as a child, a college student and an elementary teacher. This year the pull was a bit stronger and after 3 years, 347 days as a Child Care Resource and Referral Specialist I am stepping back into the classroom. The experiences over these past few years have inspired me to practice what I preach and become an early childhood teacher in the 2&3 year old classroom at the Oklahoma State University Child Development Lab. The lab provides a wonderful place for the teachers of tomorrow to both observe and interact with young children.

Leaving my position with Delaware Child Development was not an easy one. I have truly enjoyed my job the last 4 years. It has been especially rewarding to work with providers who are so dedicated to improving the lives of children. Thank you to all who have made this job such a great experience.

Laura Arnold

