



# PAYING FOR CHILD CARE

Just Got Easier...

...With Child Care  
Benefits from  
OKDHS!



## How does OKDHS help me pay for child care?

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services will pay all or part of your licensed and contracted child care while you work or attend school. You might pay a portion of child care costs based on your household income.

## Do I have to be on welfare to qualify?

No. Child Care benefits help families stay off welfare.

## What does my income have to be?

Families earning approximately \$2,425/month or less with one child in care,  
\$2,925/month or less with two children in care,  
\$3,625/month or less with three children or more in care may qualify.

## What ages do my children have to be?

Infant to age 13. Children with disabilities may qualify up to age 19.

## Do I have to pursue Child Support?

Child Support must be pursued on all absent parents of any children in the household.



## What to take with you when applying for benefits.

- A work, school or training schedule for yourself and all other adults in your home.
  - \_\_\_ Days and hours each week or statement from school or
  - \_\_\_ employer if schedule changes each week
  
- Proof of all money earned during the last two months by all adults in your home before taxes and including tips, bonuses, vacation pay, sick pay and uniform allowance.
  - \_\_\_ check stubs with name, date, social security number and total pay or
  - \_\_\_ dated statement of total pay amounts and dates paid each month or weeks with employers signature, address and phone number
  
- If self-employed:
  - \_\_\_ Last year's tax return or
  - \_\_\_ Current books showing income and expenses
  
- Proof of any other income such as unemployment, social security, SSI benefits, veterans benefits, child support or alimony:
  - \_\_\_ award letter
  - \_\_\_ check stub
  - \_\_\_ statement
  
- Identity verification for the person making the application and names of all household members

# Choose Carefully

Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions you will make. Quality child care shapes the way children think, learn, and grow. One Star Plus, Two Star and Three Star child care programs help to improve the quality of care for Oklahoma children by meeting higher quality criteria, including teacher training and additional opportunities for learning. Ask your child care provider about their Star level.

Every day in a child's life makes a difference, so choose child care carefully. Look for the Stars!



# Call Today!

To apply for benefits, contact your local Human Services Center or visit the OKDHS Web site:

[www.okdhs.org/childcare](http://www.okdhs.org/childcare)

To locate child care, call the Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Agency toll-free:

**1-888-962-2772**

or visit the OKDHS Web site:

[www.okdhs.org/childcarefind](http://www.okdhs.org/childcarefind)



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