



## **Child Care Services**

Career Options  
and Resources  
in Early Care  
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# Career Options in Early Care and Education

## Advanced Degree

- Child Development Specialist
- Child Guidance Specialist
- Early Care and Education Instructor at a Technology Center, Community College or University
- Early Childhood Policy Specialist
- Early Intervention Specialist
- Infant/Child Mental Health Specialist
- Program Manager/Resource Coordinator at a state agency
- Speech and Hearing Pathologist
- Child Psychologist, Child Psychiatrist
- Researcher
- Library Media Specialist
- School Administrator/Counselor

## Bachelor's Degree

- Child Care Licensing Specialist
- Child Life Specialist
- Child Welfare Specialist
- CECPD Educator
- Head Start Management Staff
- Head Start Program Director
- Head Start Teacher (ECE/CD)
- Program Manager in a state agency
- Public School Teacher (BA/BS with additional certification required)
- Referral Specialist/Child Care Food Program Consultant
- Social Worker
- Special Education Teacher in a public or private elementary school (certification required)

## Associate Degree

- Assistant Teacher in Public School \* (dependent on school district)
- Early Intervention/Special Needs Program
- Head Start Teacher (ECE/CD)
- Home Visitor

## National Credential Level and Certificate of Mastery

- Child Care Director
- Child Care Master Teacher or Stars Family Child Care Home Primary Caregiver
- Early Head Start Teacher (Infant/Toddler CDA required)
- Head Start Assistant Teacher
- Head Start Family Services Personnel
- Head Start Home Visitor (Home-Based CDA Credential Required)
- Large Family Child Care Home Primary Caregiver
- Paraprofessional

## Minimum Education and Some Specialized Training

- Assistant Teacher in Public School \* (dependent on school district)
- Camp Counselor
- Child Care Program Teacher or Assistant Teacher
- Family Child Care Home Primary Caregiver or Assistant Caregiver
- Head Start or Child Care Program Cook
- Nanny
- Nursery attendant or volunteer
- Special Needs Child Care Assistant
- Van or Bus Driver

# Resources

## Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD)

405-799-6383 or 1-888-446-7608, [www.cecpd.org](http://www.cecpd.org)

- Oklahoma Registry
- Video Lending Library
- Professional Development Approval System

## Child Care Licensing and Reaching for the Stars

405-521-3561 or 1-844-834-8314

[www.okdhs.org/services/cc/Pages/ChildCareMain.aspx](http://www.okdhs.org/services/cc/Pages/ChildCareMain.aspx)

## Head Start State Collaboration Office

405-949-1495, [www.okacca.org](http://www.okacca.org)

## Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Association

405-942-5001 or 1-888-962-2772

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

- Child care referrals, 1-800-438-0008
- Technical assistance and resources to child care programs

## Oklahoma State Department of Health - Child Guidance Services

405-271-5600 or 1-800-522-0203, [www.ok.gov/health/](http://www.ok.gov/health/)

- Child Care Warmline, 1-888-574-5437
- Child Guidance Program, 405-271-4477

## Oklahoma Tribal Child Care Association

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

- Tribal child care services and programs

## Scholars for Excellence in Child Care (Scholars)

405-225-9395 or 1-866-343-3881, [www.okhighered.org/scholars](http://www.okhighered.org/scholars)

Scholarships are available for:

- Career Technology Center (Pathway)
- Community College (Child Development)
- CDA/CCP Assessment
- Director Certificate of Completion

## State Department of Education/Early Childhood Services

405-522-4499, [www.sde.state.ok.us](http://www.sde.state.ok.us)

- SoonerStart

Contact your local career and technology center, community college or university to learn more about certificate or degree programs. There may be other related positions that may benefit from obtaining education and training.

## Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education

405-377-2000 or 1-800-522-5810, [www.okcareertech.org](http://www.okcareertech.org)

- Oklahoma Competency Certificates
- Pathway Competency Certificates

## Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

405-225-9100

<http://www.okhighered.org/state-system/colleges-universities/>

- Associates degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Doctorate degrees
- Scholarships
- Oklahoma College Assistance Program



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