

Considerations

- ⇒ Program must provide care for Infants and Toddlers
- ⇒ Program must apply and be accepted into the project
- ⇒ Program must be OKDHS Licensed at a 1 Star Plus or higher and have a current subsidy contract
- ⇒ Program must have at least 10% of capacity filled with children receiving subsidy
- ⇒ Program must select one staff member working at least 30 hours a week with infant and toddlers



Want to improve the quality of your child care program?

Contact an Infant/ Toddler Specialist at your local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency to work with the children and providers in your program.



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Oklahoma Right Start Infant Toddler Project





Goal for the Program

The goal is to improve the quality of the child care program by building a strong relationship-based foundation of care for infants and toddlers. We have Infant Toddler Specialists across the state who have experience working in programs with infants and toddlers. They are degreed and have received specialized training to work with providers in the community. We want to offer the opportunity to accept your program into Oklahoma Right Start at no cost to you.

Benefits to Programs

- ⇒ Receiving 30 hours of coaching for staff related to Six Essential Practices of Infant/Toddler Care
- ⇒ Building effective learning environments
- ⇒ Providing support focusing on strong relationships between children and their caregiver
- ⇒ Expanding positive relationships with families
- ⇒ Increasing community Involvement and support through resources

Benefits to Professionals

- ⇒ Free formal training in effective positive interactions with children and their families
- ⇒ Coaching on methods to develop strong relationships and trust with your children
- ⇒ Support and ideas to assist children who may have challenging behaviors
- ⇒ Personalized observation and specific input to form Quality Improvement Plans for your classroom

Benefits to Children

- ⇒ Relationship-based caregivers
- ⇒ Age-appropriate learning environments
- ⇒ Assistance in building learning environments and learning social skills through play

Benefits to Families

- ⇒ Caregivers who have received specialized professional development in infant and toddler care
- ⇒ Improved opportunities for relationship building with caregivers
- ⇒ Parent meetings to learn new ways to engage in play and have conversation with your children

