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**CDA® RENEWAL
AMNESTY PROGRAM**
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Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, the Council will be celebrating 45 years of the CDA®! To celebrate, the Council will offer a limited-time CDA® Renewal Amnesty Program. This program will allow anyone with a CDA® credential expiration date as far back as January 1, 2010, an opportunity to complete the renewal process and make their credential active again.

<https://www.cdacouncil.org/renewal-amnesty-program>

ELIGIBILITY

- Expiration date as far back as January 1, 2010
- Must meet all current renewal requirements
- Apply online using Your Council (click here to learn how to access your account)

The program will run from January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020. All applications and payments (\$125) must be submitted online by March 31, 2020. No exceptions or extensions will be granted.

Start preparing today by downloading the free CDA® Renewal Procedures Guide available on the Council's website. The CDA® Renewal Procedures Guide provides detailed information about the renewal requirements. Be sure to allow yourself enough time to obtain the requirements needed to take advantage of this limited-time opportunity.

<https://www.cdacouncil.org/credentials/renew-cda>

RESOURCES

Renewal Resources:

- CDA® Renewal Procedures Guides
- CDA Renewal Process Overview infographic
- CDA renewal online application process tutorials (Coming August 19, 2019)
- Renewal Amnesty Program FAQs

NOTE: If you have already mailed a new initial application because your credential expired, you must proceed with the initial application process.

BENEFITS

Benefits of renewing your CDA® Credential:

- Opportunity for career advancement
- Continued professional development
- Reinforce your commitment to the early childhood profession
- National recognition as a holder of the only competency-based early childhood credential

QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact our Customer Support Department at 800-424-4310 or via chat or email.

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Child Care Resource Center Library
Our resource library is available to child care providers, relative providers, and parents. This service is free of charge, however if you are going to be using our copier for copies, please bring your own copy paper. We are open
Monday through Friday 8:00 am — 5:00 pm.

FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Did you know we can provide one-on-one Technical Assistance in your Family Child Care Home or Center Classroom?

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ **Behavior and Guidance**
- ◆ **Communication with Families**
- ◆ **Creating Policies/Handbooks**
- ◆ **Creating Lesson Plans**
- ◆ **Customer Service**
- ◆ **Nutrition**
- ◆ **Outdoor Learning**
- ◆ **Physical Activity**
- ◆ **STARS Information**
- ◆ **Story Time Strategies**
- ◆ **Transition Ideas...and much more.**

We are here to help!

If you are interested in these services, please contact Amber or Andria in Tahlequah at 918-453-5300 or Lisa in Pryor at 918-824-4533.

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**Don't forget to register for
OK Shared Services!**

This quarter we are featuring the Program Administration feature on OK Shared Services. Program Administration is your resource for a variety of programs, policies, and forms to help administer your child care program safely and smoothly.

We know that running a business takes a lot of time and attention. Great early care and education program require policies, forms, and other written materials which are clear, thoughtful, and communicative.

This section provides editable tools to help you in your Program Administration. The goal is to give you a jumping-off point so that you don't have to start from scratch. To use these documents, download them to your computer, and then edit them to reflect the unique nature of your program your mission and policies, add a personal message, add in your photos, and logo, etc.

Other administrative resources included in the Program Administration section include Family Handbooks, policies, business insurance, planning tools, volunteer management, and more.

If you need any assistance, please contact us at 918-453-5300

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Oklahoma Child Care
RESOURCE & REFERRAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

STARS ADVANCEMENT

Tina Martin has owned Wonderland Child Care since June of 2013. She hired Felicia Davis as director June 2015. Tina and Felicia shared a common goal of implementing the highest standards into their early childhood program, and set a goal to become nationally accredited. They began the process and contacted Cherokee Nation Child Care Resource and Referral for help and support in the progression of NEPCA Accreditation.

The NEPCA Standards measure quality in the areas of adult/child interaction, health and safety of the physical environment, staff framing, and the relationship between administration, parents, and the community.

Tina and Felicia acknowledged it was a group effort of hard work, dedication, staff initiative, and participation from parents that allowed them to reach three star. Tina commented, "It was important to us that parents know that their children are our first priority, their future potential is unlimited in what they can do, and we want to strive to help them meet their goals."

Congratulations to Wonderland for National Accreditation!



October & November Trainings

You must register to attend any of these trainings.

Visit www.okregistry.org, type in the name of the training, choose the correct location, and then click on Register. If you have pre-registered you will be called if the class is canceled due to weather, lack of participation or unforeseen circumstances. You will receive 2 -formal training hours for each training. If you are in need of additional training please visit CECPD's website <https://www.okregistry.org/>

October 1, 2019

Using Cultural Arts and Cherokee Language Activities in Your School Age Program

(Adair County)

**Indian Capital Technology Center
3320 US-59**

Stilwell, OK 74960

6:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.

Trainer: Phyllis Yargee

If you are a child care provider who's interested in incorporating Cherokee language and cultural art then this training is for you. Providers will hear stories, experience basket weaving, working with clay, or beading a small item as well as learning words, phrases, and songs to use in their school age program through games and technology.

October 10, 2019

Using Cultural Arts and Cherokee Language Activities in Your School Age Program

(Cherokee County)

Cherokee Nation CCRC

16957 W. Cherokee

Tahlequah, OK 74464

6:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.

Trainer: Phyllis Yargee

If you are a child care provider who's interested in incorporating Cherokee language and cultural art then this training is for you.

Providers will hear stories, experience basket weaving, working with clay, or beading a small item as well as learning words, phrases, and songs to use in their school age program through games and technology.

October 21, 2019

**Full STEAM Ahead!
(Craig County)**

Cherokee Nation Health Clinic

27371 S. 4410 Rd.

Vinita, OK 74301

6:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.

Trainer: Lisa Evans

Learn about STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) and what it looks like in infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms.

Incorporate fun and engaging activities on lesson plans and daily activities that spark curiosity and encourage problem solving for all ages.

November 7, 2019

**Full STEAM Ahead!
(Delaware County)**

Grove Public Library

1140 NEO Loop

Grove, OK 74344

6:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.

Trainer: Lisa Evans

Learn about STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) and what it looks like in infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms.

Incorporate fun and engaging activities on lesson plans and daily activities that spark curiosity and encourage problem solving for all ages.

Please register for classes a week in advance. Classes will be canceled based on lack of participants

November Trainings cont. & December Trainings

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November 12, 2019

**Infection Control
(Mayes County)
Cherokee Nation
219 NE 1**

Pryor, OK 74361

6:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.

Trainer: Cherokee Nation Nurses

Infection Control is an important part of an early child care program. Learning ways to keep children and staff healthy during cold and flu season will save your child care center time and money. Participants will review proper hand washing techniques and learn to recognize good hygiene practices. A Cherokee Nation Nurse will be on hand to offer free flu shots to participants.

November 14, 2019

**Circle Time 101
(McIntosh County)
Creek Nation Community Hospital
800 W. Forrest Ave
Eufaula, OK 74432
Trainer: Amber Walls**

Is your circle time a mess? Do you spend more time telling the children to sit still and to not touch their neighbors? If so, this training is for you! Amber will show you how to set up a positive circle time routine with activities that will make it to the dinner table conversations.

December 2, 2019

**Using Cultural Arts and Cherokee Language
Activities in Your School Age Program
(Muskogee County)**

Muskogee Public Library

801 W. Okmulgee St.

Muskogee, OK 74401

6:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.

Trainer: Phyllis Yargee

If you are a child care provider who's interested in incorporating Cherokee language and cultural art then this training is for you. Providers will hear stories, experience basket weaving, working with clay, or beading a small item as well as learning words, phrases, and songs to use in their school age program through games and technology.



If you are interested in enrolling in the **CDA-Pathway to Professional Growth Classes**, please call Gina McPherson at 866-343-3883. For information about online classes go to www.okhighered.org/secc.

OKFutures Moving Forward 2019 Professional Development Conference

Join us, Saturday, Nov. 2, for the OKFutures Moving Forward: 2019 Professional Development Conference to support early childhood education professionals as well as parents. This conference's goal is to help participants develop skills in managing behaviors, child/adult interactions, trauma and other existing barriers when working with children, birth to five-years-old.

With multiple training opportunities this conference has something for every parent and provider in the early childhood field. Event attendees can choose between four different tracks. Each one will highlight an important part of developing better outcomes for children. In addition, by attending this conference, professionals can earn six formal training hours through the Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD) or six Continuing Education Units (CEUs)* and all qualifying attendees will receive a \$40 stipend.

If you have any questions about the conference, email Angela Duckett, OPSR program coordinator, at aduckett@okschoollreadiness.org.

All qualifying attendees will receive a \$40 stipend. And please let parents know that they can register for free with the promo code: **PDPARENT19**



OKFutures Moving Forward
2019 Professional Development Conference

Register:
<https://bit.ly/2MvDzT6>

Parent Promo Code:
PDPARENT19



Come and join us for the

OKFutures Moving Forward

2019 Professional Development Conference

8:30 AM
Saturday | 11 | 02 | 19



Locations

Ada, Durant, Enid, Lawton, Norman,
Tahlequah, Thackerville, Tulsa, Wyandotte



Sessions

Upon registration, participants will have the option to choose between various topics including brain development, learning through play, trauma informed care, and more!



Training

Early childhood education professionals can receive six CEUs or six formal training hours through CECPD



Register

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2MvDzT6>

Thank you to our partners!

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1-888-458-6230

OKLAHOMA CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL (OCCRRA)

1-888-962-2772 www.oklahomachildcare.org

CHILD CARE AWARE OF AMERICA

1-800-424-2246 www.childcareaware.org

OKDHS Office of Background Investigations

1-800-347-2276 OR 405-521-2355

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Misti Denton 1-800-225-9868 Eastern Oklahoma
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