

CERTIFIED HEALTHY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM



Certified Healthy Oklahoma is a statewide recognition program that offers a free assessment tool allowing businesses, campuses, communities, congregations, early childhood programs, and schools to gauge where they stand on supporting health with an annual certification award showcasing their commitment to actively promoting wellness.

Benefits

- ◆ Oklahoma’s Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) additional professional development and program criteria option for 4 -and- 5 Star childcare programs
- ◆ Recognition as a program that goes “above and beyond” to create a healthy, nurturing environment
- ◆ Staff will benefit; healthier employees are proven to be more productive employees and have a direct impact on a program’s success
- ◆ Recipients are invited to a professional development event
- ◆ Enhance your program’s image in the community and become a quality program

Eligible Applicants

- ◆ Only OKDHS licensed early childhood programs can apply unless the program is exempt from licensure
- ◆ Categories:
 - Child Care Center
 - Part-Day Program
 - Out-of-School-Time Programs
 - Summer Day Camp
 - Head Start (Tribal or Other)
 - Early Head Start
 - Family Child Care Home: (Small: 1-7; Large: 8-12 children)
 - Drop-in Child Care Program

Application Sections

- ◆ Physical Activity
- ◆ Safe and Healthy Environment
- ◆ Professional Development
- ◆ Nutrition
- ◆ Health Promotion
- ◆ Community and Family Involvement
- ◆ Staff Health

Scoring

Early childhood programs are scored according to type of program, and each criterion selected is worth one point. Certification status is assigned according to the percentage of criteria selected by the applicant in EACH category. As a reminder, a **smoke free** policy is required for Basic, and a **tobacco-free** policy submitted with the application is required for Excellence.

Program Classification	Basic	Merit	Excellence
Part-Day Program	35%	50%	65%
Out-of-School-Time Program	35%	50%	65%
Summer Day Camp	35%	50%	65%
Drop-in Childcare Programs	35%	50%	65%
Family Child Care Home	40%	55%	70%
Head Start (Tribal or Other)	50%	65%	80%
Child Care Center	50%	65%	80%
Early Head Start	50%	65%	80%

Application Information

- ◆ Visit <https://oklahoma.gov/certifiedhealthy.html> today!
- ◆ Applications are typically open August 1st-November 1st
- ◆ Question? Please contact <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee8e298e2a6d4614b27f1586c67e11a6>

